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NAZI TROOPS MAY MARCH INTO SLOVAKIA

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Peace And Order As Possible Pretext

NEWS FROM CZECHO-SLOVAKIA IS GRAVE . . . WITH INCREASING EXCITEMENT AND CLASHES BETWEEN CZECH TROOPS AND SLOVAKS IN BRATISLAVA COMES WARNING OF LIKELY GERMAN MILITARY INTERVENTION.

German troops will move on the pretext that Germany's responsibility for the Vienna Arbitral Award makes it incumbent upon the Reich to maintain law and order.

Hitler's conference with Nazi chiefs in Berlin is believed to have terminated in a decision to delay action until the Fuehrer has consulted with Signor Mussolini.



Boys of Wellington College, Berks, have built their own A.R.P. shelters. Here they are seen at work. The shelters provide for 660 boys and 40 masters.

BRATISLAVA TENSION: MORE TROOPS DRAFTED IN

NEW EXCITEMENT FLARED UP IN THE SLOVAK CAPITAL TO-DAY AND TENSION BETWEEN THE SLOVAK POPULATION AND CZECH TROOPS AGAIN BECAME INTENSIFIED WHEN TEN TRUCKLOADS OF CZECH SOLDIERS ARRIVED TO REINFORCE THE CZECH GENDARMES AND TROOPS IN THE CAPITAL.

The Slovak population greeted the new Czech troops shouting "Go ahead and shoot; but we also have guns."

Large crowds gathered round the barracks where the Czech troops are quartered, and started loud demonstrations, spitting at the Czech soldiers whenever they appeared.

The strengthening of the Czech executive in the Slovak capital is regarded as all the more provocative by the Slovaks since Dr. Sidor, the Minister for Slovakia in the Prague Cabinet, promised in his radio speech that Czech troops would be withdrawn to-day.

SERIOUS CLASHES
The Hlinka Guards declare that Dr. Sidor had a compromise solution forced on him by Prague.

Anti-Czech demonstrations are expected to take place throughout Slovakia to-day.

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Conviction is growing, meantime, as result of disclosure of various stages in development of the crisis, that the whole affair was organised by the German minority in Slovakia.

The Nazi leader in Bratislava accompanied Durcansky, who escaped from Bratislava, on his journey to Berlin.

Berlin, Yesterday.
An extremely serious view is taken in Berlin of the situation in Czecho-Slovakia.

Political circles point out that the Vienna arbitral award by Germany and Italy (when the frontiers of post-Munich Czecho-Slovakia were drawn up) places heavy responsibility for the maintenance of calm and order in Czecho-Slovakia on these two powers.

"Does Not Work"
It is emphasised here that the principle of self-determination and separation established by the Munich Agreement and the Vienna award apparently does not work in Czecho-Slovakia.

The inability of the Prague Government to carry out reorganisation successfully became apparent shortly after the Vienna award, and tension had arisen which has now led to the events in Slovakia.

Impression prevails here that the centralist tendencies of Prague were inspired by the ambiguous intention to prepare a change of the present state of affairs by gaining time.

"Incapable"
It has become evident that what remains of Bohemia and Moravia was almost incapable of surviving.

It is further stressed here that establishment in the Czecho-Slovak area of frontiers which would be ethnically and politically unimpeachable, is extremely difficult if not impossible.

Particularly, Germany as one of the Vienna arbitrators, has to face the task of examining conditions in Czecho-Slovakia with seriousness and consciousness of her own responsibility.

It is said here that it is in the interest of the preservation of peace in Europe that peace and order prevail also in the Czecho-Slovak area. — Trans-Ocean.

REPORT DENIED
Berlin, Yesterday.

Reports that German troops had crossed the Czecho-Slovak frontier or were intending to cross, are denied in Berlin. — Reuter.

HITLER MEETING OFFICERS

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Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Coulson, photographed after their wedding at Union Church, Kowloon, yesterday. The bride who arrived from Vancouver on Friday was formerly Miss Janet Donaldson.

FIRES IN JAPANESE AREAS

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Grave excitement was caused this evening, by the development of serious fires in Hongkew and Chapel, both Japanese-controlled areas.

It is alleged that terrorists were responsible for the outbreaks, which spread over an extensive area. — Our Own Correspondent.

FIRE ABOARD "CARTHAGE"

London, Yesterday.
The P. & O. announce that a slight outbreak of fire occurred on the 14,500-ton liner Carthage, bound for Hong Kong, between London and Southampton.

The fire was quickly detected and extinguished, and cargo was slightly damaged.

The ship is sailing according to time table this afternoon from Southampton. — Reuter.

NEW SLOVAK CABINET

Budapest, Yesterday.
The efforts of the Slovak Minister, Dr. Sidor, for formation of a new Slovak Government, have resulted in success, according to press reports.

The new Cabinet in Slovakia is said to consist of:
Dr. Tiso, who was removed by Prague from the Slovak Premiership only 24 hours before, as Premier, Drs. Sokol, Zdanow, Zadko and Sivak.

Dr. Sokol is president of the Slovak Diet and Dr. Sivak is a former Minister of Education. Drs. Zdanow and Zadko are known as members of the pro-Czech wing of the Slovak parliamentary club.

They are reported to have left for Prague at noon to-day to meet the new Cabinet list to the Central Czech Government.

SECOND IN TWO DAYS

H.K. Bound Air Liner In Mishap

The air mail from London, due in Hong Kong last evening, will be approximately 24 hours late as result of an accident to Imperial Airways liner Delphinus.

While leaving Bangkok at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, Delphinus (Captain White) swung while taxiing and sustained damage to the undercarriage.

It is understood that repairs to the airliner will take a week. Meanwhile, Imperial Airways Dorado left Hong Kong at 11 o'clock yesterday morning for Hanoi, where she spent last night, and is due in Bangkok this morning.

DUE TO-NIGHT
In Bangkok she will pick up the Delphinus' mails and is due back in Hong Kong this evening.

Delphinus carried only one passenger, Mr. G. Bird, of Imperial Airways, having taken all the London mail on board.

Another Imperial Airways liner, Della (Captain Davies), which left Bangkok at 5.15 yesterday morning, arrived in Hong Kong at 3.45 p.m. with six passengers and a child on board, but carrying no mail.

NON-COMMITTAL

Tokyo, Yesterday.
A storm of questions in the Diet to-day on the British loan to China had interesting results.

The Foreign Office spokesman criticised the British action, but declined to say whether Japan would retaliate. — Our Own Correspondent.

mit the new Cabinet list to the Central Czech Government.

A despatch from Bratislava says the Slovakian suspect Dr. Sidor of having "betrayed" the

Franco Troops Swing Into Action Against Madrid

RELIABLE INFORMATION FROM MADRID SHOWS THAT FIGHTING WAS STILL RAGING IN THE SUBURBS YESTERDAY, THE COMMUNIST RANK AND FILE HAVING REJECTED THE ADVICE OF THEIR LEADERS TO SURRENDER.

General Miaja has established effective control over the greater part of the city, however, and the Communists appear to be holding out only in isolated strongholds.

"Le Matin," Paris, states that numerous streets in Madrid are pictures of chaos and destruction.

Shops and private residences have been burnt down.

Other French newspapers state that there are differences of opinion between General Casado, the Defence Minister, and General Miaja, head of the Defence Junta, on the attitude to be taken towards the Communists and General Franco. — Trans-Ocean.

ATTACK BEGINS

The Nationalists launched a strong attack on the Republican lines around Madrid at 7.30 yesterday morning, states a Reuter Madrid message.

The Republican batteries replied with intensive fire until 11 a.m. when the shelling died down, indicating that the relative positions of the opposing forces are unchanged.

In Madrid itself there has been no sign of street fighting — but battles with the Communists continue outside the city, particularly along the Valencia road.

SURRENDER IN CITY

According to a broadcast by General Miaja, head of the Defence Council, this morning, the rebels who were holding out against the Republican Junta at Communist headquarters in Madrid, have surrendered unconditionally. — Reuter.

TIENTSIN ALARM

Tientsin, Yesterday.
The atmosphere here continues heavily charged.

British and French troops are on constant patrol with fixed bayonets. — Our Own Correspondent.

HITLER TO SPEAK

Vienna, Yesterday.
Hitler, who is coming here on Monday for the celebration of the anniversary of the Anschluss, will address a meeting during his stay. — Reuter.

"MASK FOR PREPARATION OF WAR"

Rome, Yesterday.
Optimism expressed in the British press regarding the Mediterranean question is characterised in the Rome papers as "A mask for the preparation of war."

A semi-official statement, according to which Franco-Italian relations have undergone a certain amount of relaxation and that mediatory action by Britain and the possibility of a solution of the German colonial problem is in prospect, is described as optimistic and premature.

As regards French-Italian relationships, Italy, as the London representative of "Lavoro Fascista" emphasises, is certainly not prepared to abandon her natural aspirations for "the mess of potage," that Paris is prepared to offer, the less so as this mess of potage according to British statements, would be nothing more than the possibility of the improvement of the status of Italians in Tunis and very modest concessions in Jibuti and in connection with the railway to Addis Ababa, while nothing is said about the problem of the Suez Canal.

The paper points out the contrast between the optimism professed by the Press and England's rearmament. — Trans-Ocean.

INTERESTING NO. 11 VISITORS

London, Yesterday.
The French and Italian Ambassadors saw the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, at the Foreign Office this morning.

The Nationalist Spanish Ambassador, the Duke of Alba, also called on Lord Halifax. — Reuter.

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ALL DRESSED UP

FRESH green vegetables are scarce at this time of year—it's mostly a choice between brussels sprouts, cabbage and cauliflower.

To ensure that the family get their full share of vegetable vitamins, without too much repetition, try them dressed up in these savoury dishes.

Sprouts with cheese are good. **VEGETABLES AU GRATIN** Ingredients: 1lb. sprouts, 1oz. butter, 1oz. flour, ½ pint milk,

1 egg, 1½oz. grated cheese, salt and pepper.

Cook the washed sprouts in boiling water. Drain well and arrange in a fire-proof dish. Melt the butter in a saucepan. Add flour, and cook together for a minute. Remove from fire and slowly add milk.

Bring to boiling point, stirring all the time. Allow the sauce to cool slightly, then stir in the well-beaten egg, the grated cheese on top, place under the grill until the cheese is browned. Be careful not to over-grill, or the sauce will curdle.

SERVED IN JELLY

This savoury jelly will bring a change to the menu.

Ingredients for the jelly: ½ pint tomato pulp, 1 small onion, 1 tablespoon vinegar, ½ gill cold water, salt, sugar, 1 clove and 2 peppercorns, ¼oz. gelatine.

Trim and soak 1lb. small button sprouts in cold salted water, then cook in boiling water till just tender. Drain off water and dry sprouts gently.

Place all the ingredients, except gelatine, for the jelly in a pan. Stew gently for twenty minutes. Strain and add the gelatine. Reheat till gelatine is dissolved.

Arrange the sprouts in a deep salad dish. Pour over the jelly and allow to set. Serve with lettuce or watercress.

CABBAGE WITH SAUCE

A little white sauce is quickly cooked and it makes such a difference to flavour of plainly boiled cabbage.

Cook the cabbage in salted boiling water, drain it thoroughly, and put it through a mincer. Add the sauce, stir together over the fire, and serve.

White Sauce.—Ingredients: 1oz. butter, 1oz. flour, from ½ to 1 pint of milk, salt and pepper. Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the flour, stir together over the fire, and add the milk, salt and pepper to taste.

BETWEEN US GIRLS

By Esther



No matter how old a story cooking is to us, no matter how little zest we think we have for it, we need only to have a new recipe, a new ingredient or a new method in cookery held tantalisingly before us to discover that our interest hasn't waned after all. For the quest of the new and better in cookery never loses its allure.

Milk, perhaps more than anything else, seems to hold no novelty for us. Yet we recognise in it our most important food, supplying most of the elements needed for health and growth. We know that doctors and dietitians insist upon a pint to a quart of milk a day for each member of the family. And we know that the simplest way to provide this milk is through its generous use in cooking, thereby supplying it in such a variety of form that no one tires of it.

It is therefore extremely interesting to discover that milk can contribute to our cookery a deliciousness of flavour, a smoothness of texture, a richness, a dependability of result and an economy of other materials that we have never experienced if we have confined our use of milk to ordinary bottled milk.

Only a milk of uniformly high quality and richness can produce such cooking results, and to secure this uniformly high quality and richness many thousands of women have turned to a form of milk that adds immeasurably to the success of cookery—Carnation Evaporated Milk.

To Cream Vegetables

The trick is in allowing a cup of water to remain with the vegetables, after they have been cooked. Then butter is put in, and flour is sprinkled on top. Next the ingredients are stirred and undiluted Carnation Evaporated Milk is added. Presto! You have a perfect "creamy" mixture.

Every quality of good white sauce is obtained by this method. And it is really in line with the old white sauce preparation rules. Further, the recipe demonstrates the "consistency achieving" advantage of undiluted Carnation Evaporated Milk.

Creamed Carrots and Celery.

2 cups diced carrots
2 cups diced celery
1 tsp. salt
1 pt. boiling water
2 tbsp. butter
2 tbsp. flour
1 cup Carnation Evaporated Milk.

Boil carrots and celery briskly until tender, in water to which salt has been added. About 1 cup liquid should remain at end of boiling. Add butter, sprinkle flour over vegetables, stir (with a fork to prevent mashing vegetables) until smooth, and add Carnation Evaporated Milk. Continue cooking until thickened, stirring occasionally to prevent scorching. Yield: 6 servings.

Have a fling at this excellent flavour and colour combination. Many people prefer celery and carrots together in this manner, rather than separately, as they are more often served.

Short Skirts For Summer

Most men do not admire women in short skirts and most women dislike wearing them, but in spite of this, skirts will be very, very short this summer for day wear.

This is being made more apparent every day at the new collections shown in Paris. Almost all the skirts for day wear are cut with a flare which springs smartly out from the slim-fitting hip line. The skirts themselves do not reach more than 2½ in below the knees or 17 in off the ground.

The most popular jacket by Creed and Robert Piguet is the "bellhop," which reaches just to the waistline. A series of new pastel plaids is mixed with most vivid colours, one in brilliant yellow, pastel blue and wine red; another in woodland green, lilac mauve intermixed with other rainbow shades.

These are used for long coats, flared out at the back of a box-type jacket worn over plain coloured dresses.

Piguet has gone in for petticoats in a large way. They may be of white broderie anglaise or stiff, coarse white cotton with broderie anglaise flounces threaded with black velvet ribbon.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND HATS

They may be of silk striped

red, blue, yellow and green, and they are worn under navy blue or black silk or repp dresses with very flared skirts and very tight bodices.

One suit of pale pink cloth had a flared skirt and a bell-hopped jacket bordered with black patent leather. A very flared skirt in sponge-bag silk worn over a white cotton petticoat with ruffles of broderie anglaise has a black Eton jacket with a white starched Eton collar.

Hats seem to have taken a leap out of Alice in Wonderland—they become curiously and curiously. In Erik's collection palm leaves and fig leaves have taken the place of flowers and feathers. Palm leaves make a very good substitute for feathers. They are twisted round the tall pointed crown with good effect.

The influence of all these hats is French Colonial, for many of the turbans are draped with enormously wide ribbon. One tall crowned blue straw hat has a sort of Hawaiian straw skirt placed around its wide brim. The colour is a deep fierce blue reminiscent of Africa, and even the veils are of this shade.

FLUFFY VEILING

Le Monnier is using any amount of fluffy veiling in various pastel shades, and flowers are much in evidence, one hat being entirely of violet, a black satin cambourine is trimmed with red roses, and some pale pink flowers are used.

To-day's new colours are: Faded Pompadour pink, Persian black, clay, much black and beige used together, powder pink, tobacco, caramel and a whole range of shades from pinky orange to tomato and diluted wine reds.

One of the sensations of Maggy Rouff's show will be the new plastic sandal, which looks like glass.

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ONLY A LULL

AN impression exists in Great Britain at the present time that there has recently been an improvement in the international situation. Men are naturally anxious to find what they are looking for. How many a sail has the shipwrecked mariner fancied upon the horizon, how many an oasis beheld by the wanderer in the desert has proved a mirage in the end!

The bearer of good news is ever welcome. His credentials are not examined too closely, the sources of his information are lightly assumed to be sound. But he who brings bad tidings must expect a poor reception. "Thou shalt be whipp'd with wire and stew'd in brine," Cleopatra exclaimed to the messenger who told her that Antony was married; and Napoleon never promoted an officer who had brought him bad news.

BUT unpopularity should not be allowed to stand in the way of duty, and it is the duty of those who speak or write in public to convey to their audience the truth as they see it. Let us therefore examine coolly the present international position without wishing to paint it any darker or rosier than it is.

Rash Prophets Who Indulge In Dates

Outside the Spanish arena, very little has happened in Europe during the month of February. This in itself is good. If the patient gets no worse, we

may assume that the normal course of nature is producing improvement. Those prophets who are so rash as to indulge in dates, believing like Old Moore that they are bound to get it right some day, have been disproved in so far as they selected any day of February for the next alarm.

NOR have there been any of those disturbing utterances that so shake the nerves of

By The Rt. Hon.

ALFRED DUFF COOPER

Former First Lord Of The Admiralty

the Stock Exchange. The most important pronouncement has been that of the British Prime Minister when he reaffirmed in vigorous language the solidarity of Great Britain with France. This statement was amplified and reinforced by Lord Halifax in the House of Lords last week. I remember that when I myself said something to the same purpose in Paris in the summer of 1936, the Labour Party secured the adjournment of the House, for the purpose of denouncing me for having suggested that England was in any way bound to France, and for having used language that might possibly give offence to Germany.

THE British Prime Minister's statement has done nothing but good. Its influence has been clarifying and tonic. Events in Spain, in so far as they bring nearer the termination of hostilities, have also contributed towards improvement, because any peace in the peninsula is better than the continuation of war. The action taken by the government in assisting the negotiations that have led to the surrender of M'noren was well timed and well calculated to secure the good will of both of the contending factions.

On the Credit Side

Finally, we have to set upon the credit side, the vast new loan for defence purposes and the debate that accompanied its introduction in the House of Commons. Although the Opposition naturally availed themselves of the opportunity to criticise the Government, there came no suggestion from their ranks, as the Prime Minister rightly pointed out, that such expenditure was unnecessary or that they themselves would shrink from incurring similar responsibilities. The world was thus presented with the spectacle of a people united in so far as they recognise the gravity of the danger that faces them, and in so far as they are willing to make every sacrifice in order to meet it.

HERE the catalogue of improvements ends — and while it is certainly far better than nothing, it is hardly sufficient to warrant a facile optimism with regard to the future, or to justify the statement made recently by a British Cabinet Minister that the barometer was now set at fair.

It is hardly necessary to recall to mind the real reasons for the anxiety which has been growing in the world during the last six years, and which is now imposing upon all nations an almost unbearable burden of taxation and debt. It is due solely to the aggressive

activities, and the menaces of certain Powers. Those claims have not been diminished by a single iota, those activities continue day and night, and if for a short period the soft pedal has been applied to the menaces, we should remember that menaces can be as carefully timed as attacks, and that we have recently been informed by Herr Hitler that the attack which he made on Austria last March was decided upon in January, and that the invasion of Czecho-Slovakia which took place in October was planned in May.

THE comparative quiet that has fallen upon Europe may be the beginning of the end of the storm, but it may on the other hand be only a lull, and it would certainly be safer to assume that it is. A wise seaman takes full advantage of a lull to prepare against a continuance of the storm. Such preparations are now being made in my country.

Not the least important of these is the great experiment of attempting to recruit on a voluntary basis the whole man power needed for the defence of the country. Reports indicate that progress in this respect is not at present satisfactory. The reason is not far to seek.

THE best, the keenest, and the most patriotic section of British people have already volunteered. The appeal is now to those who for many reasons are slightly deaf to the call of duty. And because they do not respond so readily, increased pressure must obviously be laid upon the urgent need of their services. But instead of that pressure being increased, it is being diminished.

Can We Wonder?

Those perfectly patriotic but rather lazy, rather leisure loving, hesitant and reluctant people are being told daily on the very best authority that now all is well with the rearmament programme. That England is now in a position to shock the three corners of the world if they should come in arms against her, and further, that there is no prospect of their so coming because the glass is set to fair. Can we wonder that with such good news ringing in their ears, they feel that they may go with an easy conscience to the cinema this evening instead of devoting their time to some tedious task in preparation for a war that everybody, except a few mischievous warmongers, knows will never take place?

THREE years ago I was sharply criticised for having said that I wanted to frighten people. I still think it was a pity that I failed to do so then. I would not, however, frighten them now unduly. They have suffered sufficiently in the last six months, and their nerves need tender handling. But I would allow them to avail themselves of the lull in order to forget the danger.

The danger still exists and the best hope of averting it lies in the manifestation of all Democratic people's determination to resist it. Every man and woman who enlists for national service contributes something towards the impression that that manifestation will ultimately produce upon the mind of any potential aggressor.

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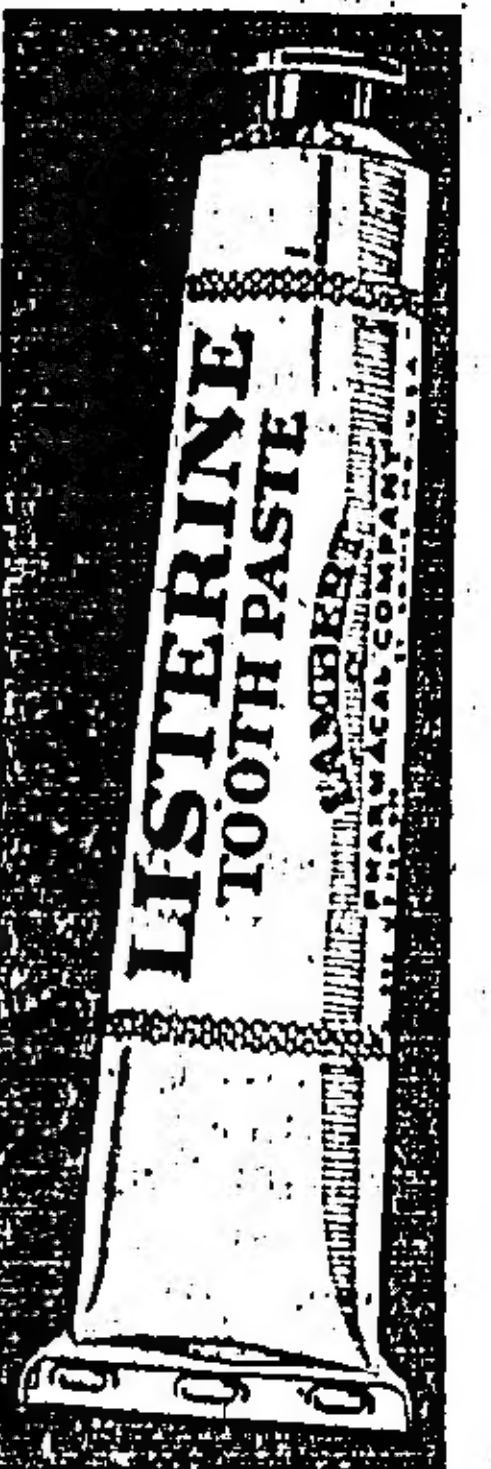
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ABORTIVE PUTSCH IN SLOVAKIA: NEIGHBOURLY INTEREST NOT PLATONIC

London, Yesterday.

The abortive putsch by the Slovaks against the Federal Government of Czecho-Slovakia has shown that this country, with its heterogeneous population, has not yet settled down after its partial dismemberment at Munich, says a diplomatic observer.

The undercurrents of this rebellion are puzzling European statesmen, as most experts are reluctant to believe that the putsch is a purely spontaneous movement happening in a part of Europe where spontaneous movements are no longer the fashion.

That numerous Slovaks have never approved union with the Czechs and have a deep grievance against the Prague Government cannot be denied, nor can the fact that Germany, Poland, Italy and Hungary have more than a platonic interest in the manner in which the remaining components of Czecho-Slovakia are split up and ultimately digested.

However, although German newspapers condemn President Hacha's firm repression of the Slovak rebels, it should not be assumed that the Reich is necessarily backing them.

HAD TO APPEAL

It is noteworthy that Dr. Tiso, the Slovak Premier arrested and replaced by Prague, had to appeal to the Reich Government on behalf of the Slovak independence movement, and now the world is wondering what the reply will be.

At present it is difficult to see what Germany could hope to gain through the Slovaks seceding from Czecho-Slovakia, despite the fact that she has not shown herself so subservient as hitherto to hints from Berlin.

It is possible that solution of the Slovak movement may have a bearing upon the hitherto unsettled destiny of Ruthenia, which Hungary and Poland, with Italy's blessing, would gladly divide.—Reuter.

H. Q. OCCUPIED

Bratislava, Yesterday. The headquarters of the German party at Kacsmark was occupied by Czech soldiers and German party functionaries were arrested by the Czech military today.—Trans-Ocean.

DR. DURCANSKY ESCAPES

Bratislava, Yesterday. Durcansky has not been arrested. An arrest warrant was issued, but he succeeded in escaping over the Danube bridge into German territory.

Dr. Tiso is in the Jesuit convent, and although not actually under arrest, is closely guarded. It is stated that no proceedings will be taken against Tiso.—Trans-Ocean.

SIX GUARDS WOUNDED

Bratislava, Yesterday.

Six Hlinka Guards were seriously wounded when Czech military guards fired at them when they tried to liberate the former propaganda chief of the Slovak People's Party, Dr. Mach, from prison.

Another report says that Professor Tuka, foremost champion of the Slovakian independence movement, has been transferred from Bratislava prison to a jail in Moravian-Ostrau.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN LEADERS ACTIVE

Prague, Yesterday. The situation in Pressburg is more strained. Groups of adherents of the Slovak Hlinka guard marched through the town during the night and Czech police repeatedly intervened.

In front of the House of the German Party, a great crowd was addressed by the leader of the German group in Slovakia, an engineer named Karmasin, protesting against oppression by the Czechs. Karmasin closed his address with the words "Comrades hold together, come what may!"

The demonstrators marched through the town to the front of the theatre. Here the propaganda chief of the German Party, Professor Hausknecht, made a speech in the same sense.

The demonstration closed with a threefold "Hell for the Fuehrer!"

In the suburb of Zuckermundl, the Hlinka guard appeared armed with fence palings.—Trans-Ocean.

CONSPIRACY FAILS

London, Yesterday. The London papers carry long accounts of events in Czecho-Slovakia under sensational headings, but without editorial comment.

The "Star," after saying that the Fascist conspiracy in Slovakia has failed, refers to the possibility of Germany going to the assistance of the Slovak Separatists.—Trans-Ocean.

Stalin Sneers At Appeasement

Vigorous Speech At Congress Of Communist Party



After hearing the report of Daladier and Bonnet on M. Bernard's negotiations at Burgos, the French Cabinet decided unanimously on unconditional recognition of General Franco's Government. Photo shows M. Daladier and members of the Cabinet after making their decision.

INCREDIBLE RETREAT BY THE DEMOCRACIES

Moscow, Yesterday.

Bitter criticism of the ineptitude of the Chamberlain appeasement policy was expressed by Stalin at the Congress of the Communist Party now in session here.

The full official text of Stalin's speech shows that he discussed at length the aggressiveness of Japan, Italy and Germany.

"This imperialist war is being waged by the aggressor States primarily against England, France and the United States, while the latter are drawing back and retreating, making concession after concession to the aggressors."

"Thus open redivision of the world and spheres of influence is taking place before our eyes at the expense of the interests of the non-aggressor States without the least attempt at resistance and even with a certain amount of connivance by the latter."

"It is incredible but it is a fact. The policy of non-intervention is tantamount to connivance at aggression."

"Pacifism and disarmament schemes are dead and buried. Nobody believes any longer unctuous speeches alleging that the Munich Agreement opened a new era of appeasement. That is disbelieved even by the signatories of the agreement."

"Naturally the Soviet cannot ignore these portentous events, and great efforts have been extended to strengthen the fighting preparedness of the Red Army and Navy." — Reuter.

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CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS TO BE CANONISED

Vatican City, Yesterday.

The Concilium planned by Pope Pius XII which will be the twentieth held by the Church, will exceed all previous magnificence and importance.

Cardinals, Archbishops, Patriarchs and Bishops from all parts of the world, as well as leaders of religious orders, and a number of clergy experts in special ecclesiastical functions, will be present.

Among the tasks of the new Concilium will be the proclamation of the Dogma of Ascension of the Virgin Mary and the Canonization of Christopher Columbus.

The Catholic Church has hitherto recognised the Ascension of the Virgin Mary as tradition but not as dogma.

Pope Pius XI, three years ago, instructed several hundred Bishops and religious societies to pursue studies for the definition but not as dogma.

The canonization of Christopher Columbus cannot be carried out in the usual way, since Columbus lived too long ago and his miracles cannot be attested. But the Concilium can canonize him as first Apostle of the Christian Faith in the New World.

The Concilium will not take place before 1940, since many preparations are necessary. — Trans-Ocean.

RAID IN CENTRAL DISTRICT

(Special to the "Herald") FIVE CHINESE, INCLUDING A WELL-EDUCATED WOMAN, ARE DETAINED AT CENTRAL POLICE STATION HAVING BEEN HELD SINCE THURSDAY.

No charge has yet been preferred, but it is learned that they are being held on account of alleged political activities.

Headed by Det. Sub-Inspector R. Ellis, members of the Special Branch raided No. 60, Des Voeux Road Central on Thursday morning, took away numerous documents, and arrested five persons one after the other as they arrived at the office.

The documents seized are now being examined and translated. Under the Emergency Regulations, the Special Branch has power to detain any suspected person.

H.M.S. INTREPID TO RESCUE

London, Yesterday.

The British blockade-runner Stangate, which had been intercepted by Spanish Nationalist warships after leaving Valencia, is now en route to Gibraltar, escorted by the British destroyer H.M.S. Intrepid.

How the British vessel was rescued from the Spanish warships has not yet been revealed.

COMPULSORY EVACUATION OF CHUNGKING

Chungking, Yesterday.

Police, gendarmes and the Three Principles Youth Corps were mobilised early this morning for enforcement of compulsory evacuation of Chungking by the populace.

It is understood that to-day's programme mainly aims at the rounding up of all unemployed persons, and sending them to refugee camps outside the city limits.

It is expected that at least 2,000 will be thus evacuated. — Reuter.

LOCAL ESTATE

Local estate, sworn under \$5,800, was left by the late Mrs. Elsa Anna Iole MacDonald, formerly of Villa Bataana St. Veran Cognes, Dur Mer, France, who died on June 25, 1938, at the Imperial, Boulogne.

Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, lawful attorney, applied for sealing the certified copy of Probate of Will. This has been granted by the Chief Justice.

Mr. K. Witt, second officer of the s.s. Friderun, has lost a camera, valued at \$200, stolen from his cabin whilst the vessel was lying along the Kowloon Wharf.

ESPIONAGE AGAINST JAPANESE

Los Angeles, Yesterday.

Mikhail Gorin, manager of the local office of Intourist, the Soviet travel agency, and Iaina Salich, a naturalised American citizen, were today convicted under the Espionage Act.

Gorin's wife, Natasha, was acquitted. Salich was found guilty of transmitting to Gorin and Gorin to his superiors in Russia, data concerning Japanese espionage activities and sabotage plans. — Reuter.

Campaign Against Censorship

("Sunday Herald" Special)

As a result of recent revealing instances of the way in which censorship of the Chinese press works in the Colony, the matter is expected to be raised, once again, in Legislative Council shortly.

It is possible that the law covering censorship of the Chinese press will be challenged, in its entirety, as unconstitutional.

It is understood that the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, who has previously questioned the justice of the censorship and pointed out the anomalies which are liable to occur under the present system, will bring the question before the Council.

Chinese newspaper circles are understood to be preparing a detailed report, embodying specific complaints, including the recent unwarranted censorship of all reference to the bombing of British territory.

It is also complained that not only have the censors suppressed political news, but also items of local importance only, dealing with issues of public moment, many of them directly translated from the English-language papers.

No claim is at present being made for removal of censorship altogether, but it is urged that censors should be appointed capable of using a wise discretion and with journalistic experience.

YANGTZE RIVER SERVICE

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Passenger traffic on the Yangtze between Shanghai and Hankow has been resumed by the Japanese.

Cargo is also being transported upriver as far as Hankow. Intending passengers must, however, obtain special passes from the Japanese authorities.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Heavy fog here is holding up 30 ships outside Shanghai at Wanchow Road. His assailant is un-

CONFUSION IN PEIPING CLEARED UP

PEIPING, YESTERDAY.

CERTAIN CONFUSION REIGNING HERE SINCE INTRODUCTION YESTERDAY OF THE NEW RULES AS REGARDS CIRCULATION OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKNOTES IN NORTH CHINA, WAS CLEARED UP TO-DAY.

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HEAVY FIGHTING IN SHANSI

Chungking, Yesterday.

Heavy fighting is reported to be in progress round Tsingtao, in central Shansi, north-west of Taiyuanfu, according to Chinese reports.

The reports state that the Chinese forces at Tsingtao withdrew when the Japanese attacked the city but following its occupation the Chinese returned and surrounded the town, where severe fighting is now proceeding.

Chinese despatches claim the reoccupation of Nankung, in central Hopei. — Reuter.

EXCELLENT RESULT

The Directors of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company report increases in business in force, income and assets at the fifty-second annual meeting.

Although the disturbed conditions during the year were reflected by the fact that the new business, including deferred annuities, of \$11,887,828, 4/4 per cent. less than that of the previous year, the business in force increased by \$3,365,173, to \$117,721,733. Total income was \$7,182,138, an increase of \$524,852, over the corresponding figure for 1937. Payments to policy-holders and to beneficiaries totalled \$3,073,623, of which amount \$2,142,401 was paid to living policy-holders and \$931,132 to beneficiaries under death claims.

The assets increased by \$2,554,615 to \$34,091,383. The Head Office for South China is situated at Shell House, Hong Kong, under the Management of Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell, with branches in Canton and Macao.

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BRITISH ORDER TO FIRE WITHOUT NOTICE: SAYS "EVENING NEWS"

Gibraltar, Yesterday.
Five British cruisers which returned suddenly to Gibraltar from the Atlantic manoeuvres, left the Rock last night.

Although the warships sailed in an easterly direction, their final destination was not announced. Well-informed quarters say the warships' departure is connected with General Franco's blockade and Lord Halifax's subsequent declaration that the Royal Navy

would protect British shipping.

"EVENING NEWS" REPORT
According to a report published by the "Evening News" British warships have received orders to open fire without notice on any Spanish warship which might sink an English trade vessel within or outside Spanish territorial waters.—Trans-Ocean.

MORE DESTROYERS

Paris, Yesterday.
Quite unexpectedly, the British destroyers, Ivanhoe, Ilex, and Imogen, which were taking part in the Atlantic Manoeuvres have arrived in Gibraltar, states "Le Temps" yesterday.

The officers and crew have received no leave and the naval authorities decline to give any information about the purpose of the visit.

In circles interested it is, however, assumed that the arrival of the warships "has something to do with the blockade of the Republican Spanish coast by General Franco."—Trans-Ocean.

SCHMIDT SACKED

Moscow, Yesterday.
Professor Schmidt, the famous Soviet Arctic explorer, is reported to have been removed from his post by order of the Council of People's Commissars.

Professor Schmidt, according to foreign circles in Moscow, was the victim of intrigue.—Trans-Ocean.

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STANDARD OF LIVING AS NEVER BEFORE

London, Yesterday.

Speaking in his constituency last night, the Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, eloquently depicted the opportunity which lay before the leading statesmen of the world to create peace and prosperity.

He asked his audience to imagine the possible results of abolishing the political uncertainties which stand in the way of settled co-operation between nations.

"SUPPOSE," HE SAID, "POLITICAL CONFIDENCE COULD BE RESTORED TO EUROPE; SUPPOSE FOR THE SPACE OF FIVE YEARS THERE WERE NEITHER WARS NOR RUMOURS OF WARS; SUPPOSE THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE WERE ABLE TO FREE THEMSELVES FROM THE NIGHTMARE THAT HAUNTS THEM, AND FROM THE EXPENDITURE UPON ARMAMENTS THAT BEGARS THEM. COULD WE NOT THEN DEVOTE THE ALMOST INCREDIBLE INVENTIONS AND DISCOVERIES OF OUR TIME TO CREATION OF A GOLDEN AGE IN WHICH POVERTY COULD BE REDUCED TO INSIGNIFICANCE AND THE STANDARD OF LIVING RAISED TO HEIGHTS WE HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO ATTEMPT BEFORE.

"Here indeed is the greatest opportunity that has ever been offered to the leaders of the world.

"Five men in Europe—three dictators and the Prime Ministers of England and France—if they worked with singleness of purpose and unity of action to this end, might in an incredibly short space of time transform the whole history of the world.

"These five men, working together in Europe and blessed in their efforts by the President of the United States, might make themselves the eternal benefactors of the human race.

"Our own Prime Minister has shown his determination to work heart and soul to such an end. I cannot believe that the other leaders of Europe will not join him in the high endeavour upon which he is engaged."

MOOD OF RESOLUTION

The speech to which this forceful appeal for the triumph of goodwill was the climax, began with a description of the return in recent months of a mood of confidence and resolution to the people of Great Britain.

The Home Secretary commented on the astonishing freedom with which all aspects of the country's defence provision were still discussed in the British Parliament, and on the chance it afforded to all citizens to realise how the huge sums—running to nearly six hundred millions this year—the country was spending on defence were now producing results. Statements on the defence estimates and recent debates had shown that the long period of preparation had come to an end, and the results were now emerging with remarkable effects.

COULD NOT BE DEFEATED

"They show, I am convinced, that we could not be defeated in a short war by any knockout blow, and that in a long war our almost inexhaustible resources would ensure final victory.

"These conclusions are of incalculable importance not only to us but to every country that is bent upon peace."

"There is another fact that has emerged in recent weeks. It is the solidarity of effort in the three great Democracies.

"At the end of the year there were many foolish people who went about saying the Democracies were effete. A few say so to-day and none will say so to-morrow."

"For the great rearmament programme in the British Commonwealth, in France and in the United States are much more than the repair of gaps in national defences.

"They are outward and visible signs of the strength and vigour of the three countries and of their unshakable resolution to ward off an attack on their historic liberties."

FUNDAMENTAL UNITY

"Never in our memory has there been so fundamental a unity of purpose in all the

three Democracies, each differing from the other in almost every respect and each forming its conclusions in its own way, but all three inevitably impelled upon the same programme of national defence.

"Between the British and fact at the present moment. The French Democracies there for a generation have been especially close bonds of common interest. They are both in Europe, and European dangers encompass them.

"American Democracy is in a different position. It is out of Europe and does not wish to be drawn into European entanglements. It has its own problems to solve and it does not want them compromised by foreign obligations.

AMERICAN WAY

"We realise these differences. We accept them and we should be both maddlesome and foolish if we attempted to run counter to them. American Democracy will go its own way and no one here will try to deflect it.

"But that is not the significant fact is the simultaneous rejuvenescence of Democratic strength in each of the three great Democracies, not least in America, and the equal determination of all three to resist and resist victoriously any and every attack upon its life and liberty."

DEFENSIVE CHARACTER

Sir Samuel Hoare stressed the essentially defensive character of the rearmament of the Democracies, and said: "Some on the Continent are saying we are building up great armaments for the purpose of attack, and that we are marching towards war. Nothing is further from the truth.

"We are doing no more than raise our standard of defence to a point that has already been reached by the dictator countries, and we are raising it with extreme reluctance.

"We are thinking only of defence and we shall be always ready to lessen the appalling burden modern standards of defence impose on the world if a general agreement that leaves each of us safe from aggression can be reached by international negotiation."

The Home Secretary also declared that the new strength of the Democracies would not make them blind or rigid to problems that called for remedy. They were as anxious as ever to remove the causes of war in the world.

"CUTTING ENTANGLEMENTS
"They believe, for instance, that great progress might speedily be secured if they could cut through the entanglements that now stifle trade and destroy friendly intercourse. They are always ready for discussions on these lines.

"They welcome, therefore, the contracts that are now being made between British industrialists. They are glad that the President of the Board of Trade should visit Berlin. They hope the result of this closer intercourse will be to remove some of the obstacles that now stand so

ICHANG DEATHROLL MOUNTS

Chungking, Yesterday.
Although no official list of casualties in the barbaric Japanese bombing raids on Ichang is yet available, foreign Red Cross quarters state that between 300 and 400 dead bodies had been removed from the wreckage when further raids interrupted rescue work, and that the total may reach about 2,000.—Our Our Correspondent.

COST OF ARP IN ENGLAND

London, Yesterday.

Supplementary Civil Estimates issued yesterday for the Home Office show that ARP services will cost £42,730,559 in the coming financial year.

Over £30,000,000 will be spent on equipment and materials.

Most of this sum will be met by the Defence Loans Bill, and only £5,000,000 will be a Budget charge.

Education estimates included in the Civil Estimates provide for an expenditure of £52,246,026, an increase of £1,239,696 and the highest in history.

Nearly half of the sum arises from automatic growth under the provision for teachers' pensions.—British Wireless.

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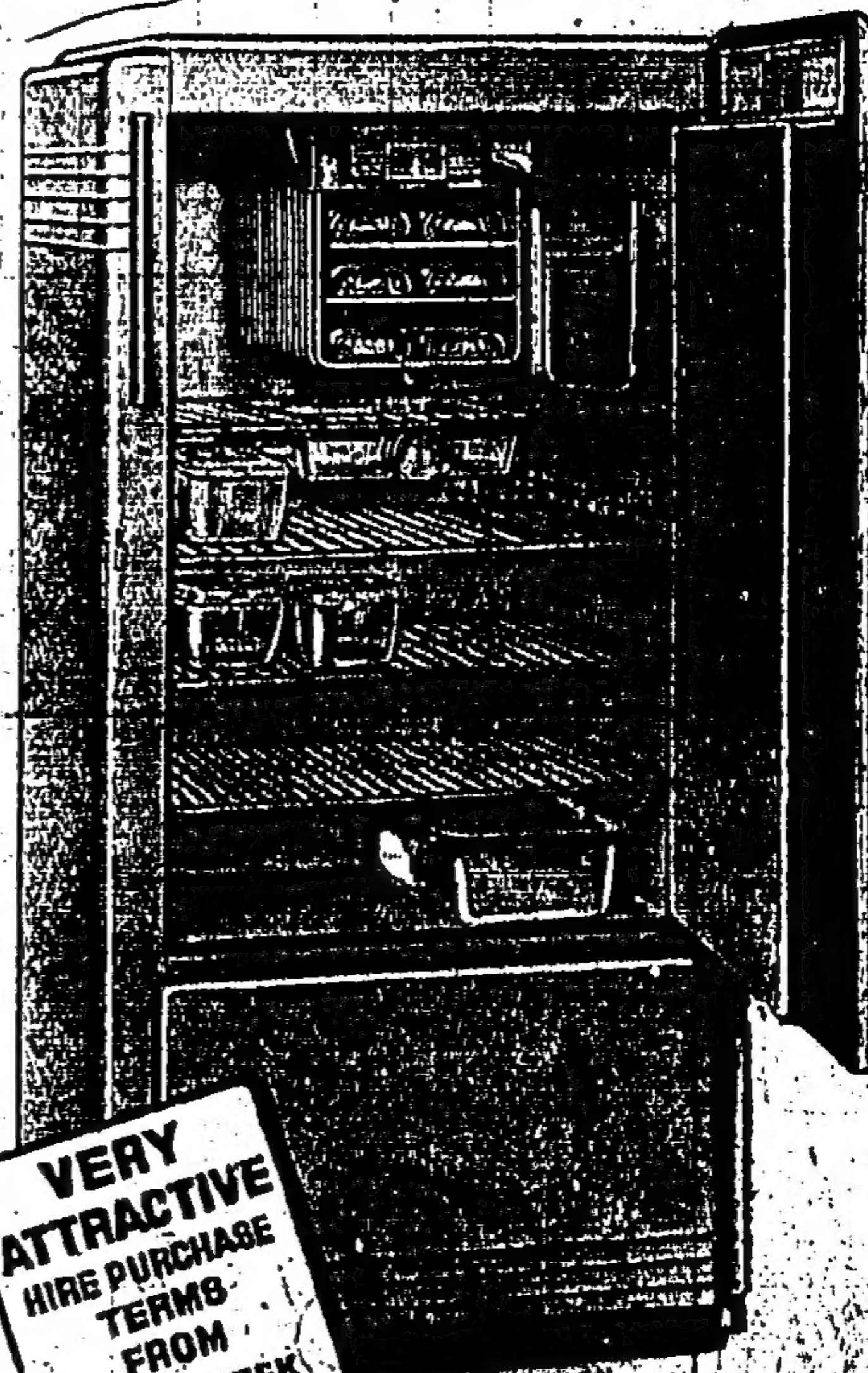


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C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th March, 1939.

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	100	At Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong.	N. B. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.	about	\$100	\$100

PUBLIC AUCTION

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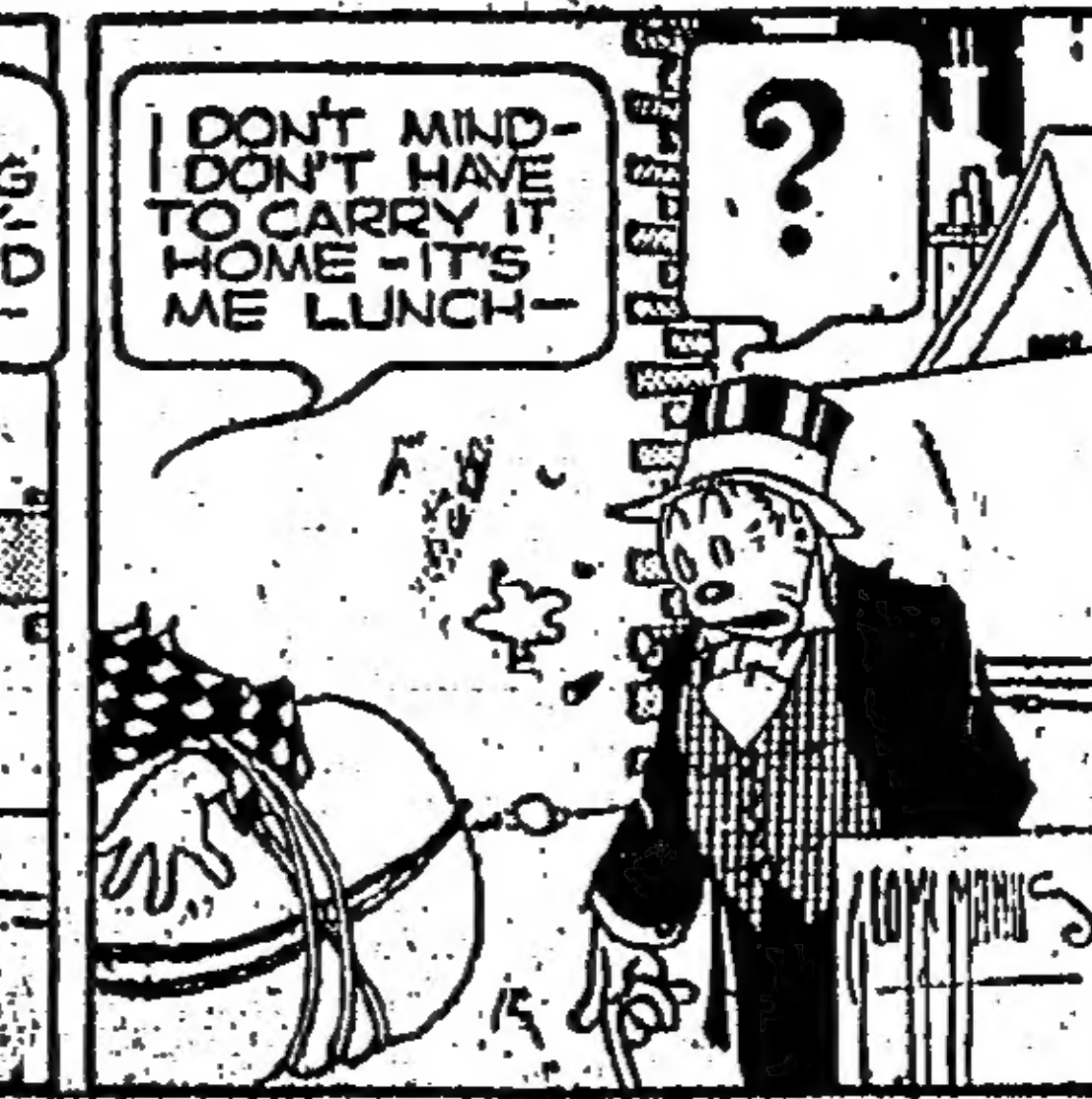
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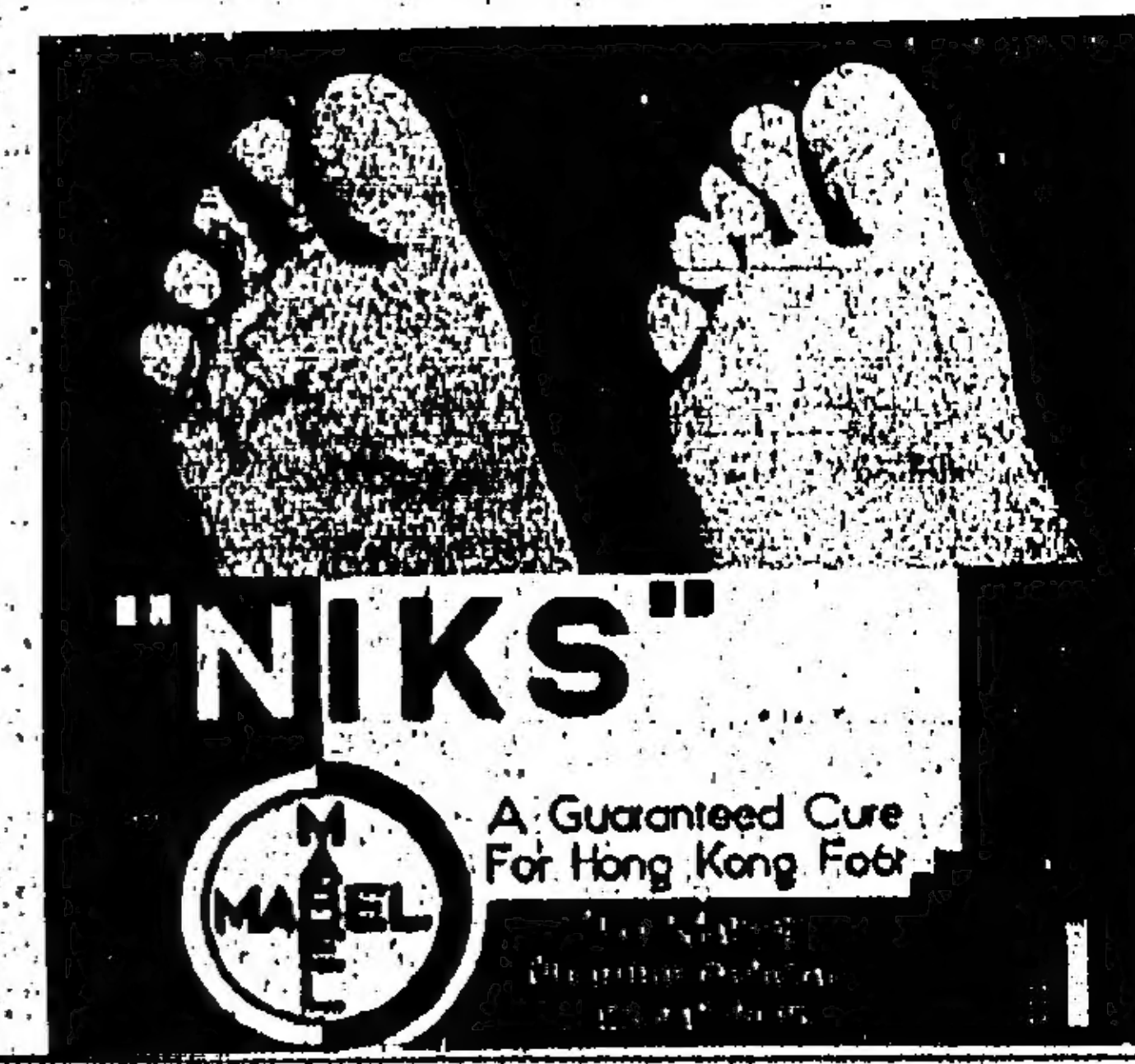
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Bringing Up Father



By George McManus





Star of the Bernard Shaw film "Pygmalion" which was such a great success, Miss Wendy Hillier, has left the London Clinic with her baby daughter born nearly a month ago. She is the wife of Mr. Ronald Cow, former schoolmaster, who dramatised "Love on the Dole", in which his wife took the lead and established her as a star actress. Photo shows Miss Wendy Hillier with her husband leaving the Clinic with her baby daughter.

FATHER BYRNE WARNS AGAINST NEW HORIZONS

Tai Po Tsai, Hong Kong's little Shanghri-La, was the scene yesterday of an interesting ceremony, when an extension to the village school was formally opened, and the first prize distribution held.

After Mr. Chan Fook-hong had outlined the history of education in the village, the Rev. Father Byrne, addressing the villagers, said he did so with some hesitation, lest some utterance might savour of a "modernity" alien to the tradition which has made of the village a model village, and out of harmony with the beauty of the character-symbol unfolding the sweet blossom of the country hills.

"You, thanks to the generosity of good friends, have enlarged your school-house. You have invited us to rejoice with you because of its enlargement. Our presence, as your guests and your visitors, is proof of our sympathy in your joy. Ignorance at its best is a veil obscuring man's vision,

at its worst is part of the dark cloud which sin has cast over his happiness. Removal of such ignorance has always been an aim of the best leaders of mankind—"You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," (John, VIII, 32) and success in their aim has been their greatest triumph. Perhaps, now, you can guess my fear about "Modernity." You have enlarged your school-house. The idea, at once arises, that an enlarged centre of instruction demands an enlarged intellectual horizon. Who, for a moment, could quarrel with the idea? No sane man, we take it, if the intellectual horizon be the genuine horizon of truth, opening up new vistas of beauty and enriching the life with the ever-expanding love of a heart that is good and pure.

FALSE HORIZON

Now, my friends, that is most "modern" in the world is its false horizon of error, lit up by its own artificial searchlights. Instead of by the sun of truth, and nowhere is this horizon more visible than in types of "up-to-date" schools where, under the caption of knowledge, seeds of discord are sown amongst men and the discord breaks into war. Here in Tai Po Tsai for the three hundred years, since the first of the Wan clan founded the village; you have preserved an unbroken tradition of peace. The heart of the village has been at rest, and you have needed no visible arm of the law, in the way of a police force, to keep it undisturbed. This has been one of your unique glories. The spirit of unity, the spirit of peace founded on unity has been most precious of educational lessons taught in your village school.

Thus educational facilities may not, in any way, narrow your school horizon, but that the peaceful pursuits of country life, passed on by the Elders of yesterday to their worthy successors of today, may in turn reach their grandsons, and through them generations yet unborn.

HONG KONG MAY HAVE ITS OWN FLYING SQUADRON

Likely Lines Of Proposed Air Reserve

THE formation of a local Volunteer Air Force on the lines of the Singapore Volunteer Air Force is envisaged by a former Royal Air Force officer now active in local aviation circles, as a result of the Air Ministry proposals to include Hong Kong in the scheme to increase reserve pilots for local defence.

Unlike the Volunteer Air Arm which comes directly under the Hong Kong Government, and is trained on machines belonging to the Far East Flying Training School, the Singapore V. A. F. is a self-contained body, essentially volunteer in personnel and command but having one or two regular officers as instructors as well as regular mechanics who handle the servicing.

OWN MACHINES
All flying training is done on service aircraft of fighter types, Hawker Audaxes are one type, sent out by the Home Government.

Prospective pilots have to pass a rigid medical examination on the lines of that required by the Auxiliary Air Force in England and on qualifying for wings are commissioned as officers in the Royal Air Force Reserve and as such, wear the same uniform and insignia as their opposite numbers at home.

Provision is made for these pilots to keep in their hand while more and more men are being trained.

SINGAPORE PROGRESS
By this method Singapore has compiled in the short time in which the unit has been formed,

BANK OF EAST ASIA MEETING

It was revealed at yesterday's meeting of the Bank of East Asia that a special department has been opened in the Hong Kong office to handle and liquidate the accounts of Canton clients.

All outstanding accounts carried by the Canton Branch, closed because of the hostilities, are being cleared with practically no attendant loss, stated Sir Shouson Chow, the Chairman.

The accounts revealed deposits two millions higher than last year and cash available standing at \$16,700,000, which "while it reflects the high standard of liquidity and sound position of our institution yet indicates the rather limited field of profitable employment of available funds."

Payment of \$6 per share, representing 6 per cent. on the capital value of shares, was approved, and a transfer bringing the reserve fund up to \$2,500,000.

The Exhibition of photographs showing the scenic beauties of the War Zone in China which opened yesterday at St. John's Cathedral Hall attracted big crowds of visitors. The Exhibition will continue at the Cathedral Hall until to-morrow when it will be transferred to Wah Nan Middle School, Nathan Road, for three days, March 17 to 19. Altogether 491 photographs by Mr. T. W. Ho are on display.

an ever-growing list of pilots all capable of playing their part in the defence of the Colony at a moment's notice and with the minimum training.

Colony To Extend Accommodation For Destitutes

("Sunday Herald" Special)

Further extension of camp accommodation for refugees and destitutes is contemplated by Government.

Showing his keen personal interest in the problem, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, accompanied by the Hon. Director of Medical Services, Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, visited the refugee camps in the urban areas during the week, and this decision is the result.

According to reliable information, there are still several hundred destitute women and children sleeping in the streets of the Colony, especially in the Wanchai District, and, for these homeless, it is hoped to provide additional camp accommodation very shortly.

SOLDIERS' COMPLICATIONS
It will be recalled that, originally, the King's Park camp was allotted to refugees until then housed in the former Government Civil Hospital and other Government buildings; and that the North Point and Maitland Camps were erected mainly for Hong Kong destitutes and homeless street-sleepers.

The interned Chinese soldiers, when transferred from the s.s. Lee Hong, however, took up space intended for the Colony's street-sleepers and it is now possible that additional accommodation will be provided on a site in close proximity to the Maitland Camp.

OVER 10,000
The 10,184 refugees and destitutes, are divided into and accommodated in the following refugee camps:

King's Park Camp: 1,479 (663 males, 605 females, and 311 children).
Maitland Camp: 1,000 (561 men, 329 women, and 110 children).
North Point Camp: 1,527 (486 men, 711 women and 330 children).
Kam Tin Camp: 2,750 (2,369 adults and 381 children).
G.H.'s Cutting (New Territories): 641 (535 adults and 116 children).
Fanning North Camp: 835 (742 adults and 93 children).
Fanning South Camp: 1,036 (933 adults and 123 children).
San-uk-ting Camp: 916 (827 adults and 89 children).

SHAUKIWAN A.R.P.

The Air Raid Precautions Officer announces that an Air Raid Wardens course will be given in Chinese by Mr. Mok Ching-um at the Shaukwan Public Dispensary every Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. commencing on Wednesday, next. The object of the course is to train Air Raid Wardens in the duties they would be required to perform in time of emergency, and it is hoped that Shaukwan residents will respond.

BIG SURPLUS

The annual report of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, just issued, reveals surplus earnings of over Can.\$43,000,000, out of which provision is to be made for policy-



Photo taken after a banquet given by the Hong Kong Chapter, World Red Swastika Society, of which Dr. C. T. Wang is the national President. In the centre of the front row are Dr. C. T. Wang, Mr. Hsu Shih-ying and Mr. Lee Sze-ho, former Minister of Finance.

AUXILIARY FIRE BRIGADE

There has been very limited response to the appeal for volunteers for the proposed Auxiliary Fire Service in Hong Kong.

It is thought that this may have been due to a misunderstanding caused by a typing error which suggested that applicants would have to undergo a medical examination "with charge."

The correct reading was "without charge."

The Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade is seeking 100 volunteers for this very important service.

SUISANG TAKES MERCY CARGO

The s.s. Suisang which left for Haiphong yesterday carried one of the biggest cargoes of medical and surgical supplies, etc. contributed by various organisations to the E.R.C., ever sent out from Hong Kong.

Dr. Harry Tallbot, who is joining Dr. Robert Lin, and Dr. Paul Dohan are in charge of the convoy, which will be conveyed into the interior of China, Kwangsi, Kweichow and Szechuan, in five lorries donated by the China Defence League.

Messrs. Butterfield and Swire carried the cargo at purely nominal cost. The B.F.R.D.C. made a grant of \$50,000 to cover the cost of drugs etc. to be supplied to refugees in Southern Kwangsi out of the contingent.

Huge quantities of bandages, surgical equipment, and necessary drugs were donated by the women's relief organisations in the Colony, and the China Defence League. New York contributed many articles, as did the China Campaign Committee, Great Britain, and the Vancouver Medical Relief Committee.

FLOWER DAY

The annual Flower day organised by the Society for the Protection of Chinese, in aid of funds was held yesterday.

The collection boxes were sent to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and will be opened to-morrow, when the result will be made known.

PINK AND WHITE BRIDAL IN KOWLOON

A PINK AND WHITE WEDDING TOOK PLACE AT THE KOWLOON UNION CHURCH YESTERDAY WHEN JANET RUSSEL BROWN DONALDSON, OF VANCOUVER, B.C., BECAME THE BRIDE OF ERNEST WILLIAM COULSON, OF THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

The ceremony was performed by the Reverend K. MacKenzie Dow, and the bride was given away by Mr. J. D. Thomson.

White suede lace over satin struck a new note in bridal gowns, and in place of the traditional headress of orange blossoms, this March bride chose tiny white rosebuds to secure a floor length veil of silk embroidered net. Her bouquet was a mixture of pink roses and maiden-hair ferns—a pastel colour note which lent interest to the ethereal whiteness of her gown.

Pink georgette was worn by the only bridesmaid, Miss Violet Bradbury, and she carried dark red carnations for contrast. The pink and white theme was further carried out in the frocks worn by the two flower girls the Misses Joan Thomson and Constance Robertson. The chosen fabric in this case was organdie, and a white frock topped a pink slip which matched in colour their posies of roses.

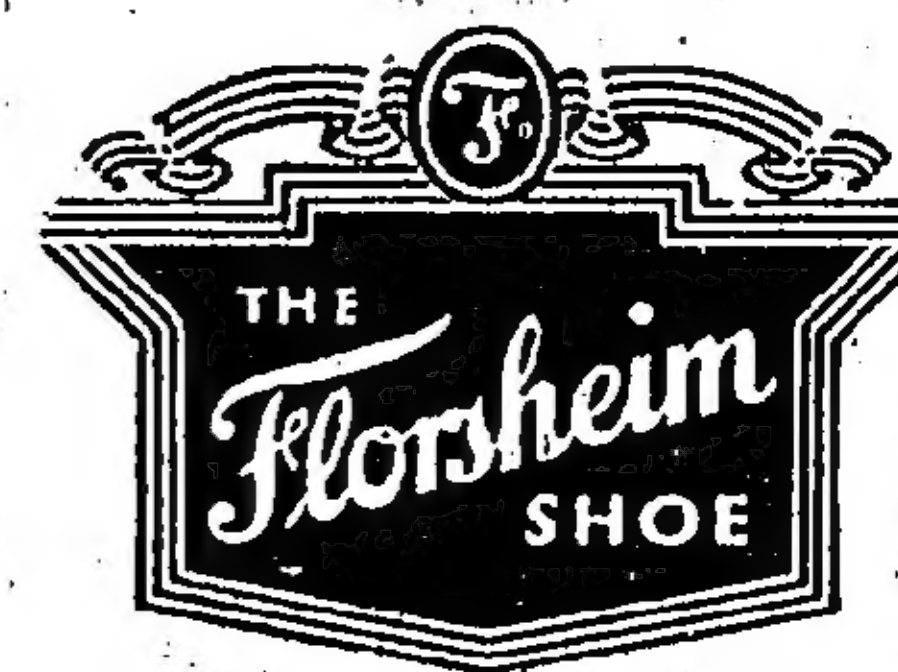
Navy and silver formed the basic colours of the ensemble worn by the matron-of-honour, Mrs. J. D. Thomson.

The duties of best-man were assumed by Mr. A. K. Dimond, and the groomsmen were the Messrs. C. de S. Robertson and L. Alltreen. Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Peninsula Hotel, and the newlyweds later left for the Repulse Bay Hotel where the honeymoon is to be spent. For her going-away outfit, Mrs. Coulson selected a swaggar suit of rose-beige, with navy blue accessories.

The bride is the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Donaldson of Haywood, Scotland, and the bridegroom is the only son of the late Mr. William Coulson of York, Yorkshire, and Mrs. M. J. Alltreen of Vancouver, B. C.

at Can.\$428,000,000 represents: 48 per cent. of the assets.

Nearly Can.\$200,000,000 of new life insurances was placed on the books during the year, revealing income, totaling \$12,000,000, more than double the amount of the previous year.



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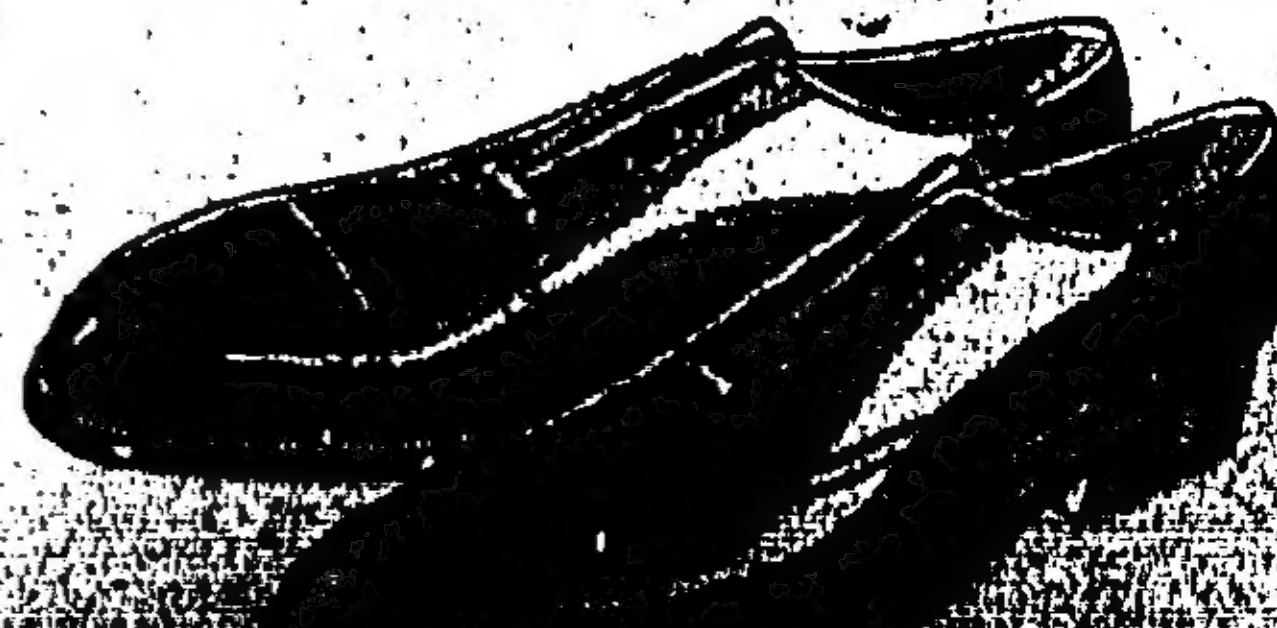
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Rufus Woods—His Monument is The Coulee Dam

THERE are hundreds of people in Hong Kong who might be taken for Englishmen, Swedes or Czechoslovaks, but no one could go wrong about Rufus Woods. He looks exactly what he is. Square-jawed, square-shouldered, with wide-awake hat and the growing roundness of his waistcoat, he seems the typical small-town American of the Western States. His ready smile and the invincible geniality of his American voice complete the picture.

HE describes his experiences as "trailing the big show" and says he possesses "itchy feet." By this he means he has a thirst for adventure, and that wherever something is happening, he has to be there, seeing history being made, or helping to make it himself.

HIS adventures began when he was still at college reading law. One of the admirable habits of American students is to spend their holidays doing manual labour. Some stoke furnaces, others drive trucks or cranes or steam-rollers. Rufus and his twin brother Ralph—he is proud of being an identical twin—went up to the Yukon with a surveying gang. This was in '98 when the gold rush was just beginning. The saw

men, avid for gold, pouring in by caravan and steamer. Claims were staked and fought for and revolvers sometimes spoke more fluently than voices. A shambling shanty town made an ugly blot on the skyline. The brothers Woods stuck to their surveying gang, and when their vacation was over, they went back to school.

NEXT year Rufus was back, this time as steward on a tramp steamer, coasting round the Yukon. In a single year many changes had taken place. Many of the people he had met had gone home to desks and shop-counters, sadder and wiser. A few had been killed off by the rigorous conditions. Some had made fortunes and were fighting with it, gambling with it, drinking themselves to death with it. One he remembers best was Alton Stander, a huge aggressive man, one of the richest in the Yukon. He fell in love with a handsome blonde who was living with another miner and offered to buy her from him. The reply was that she was worth her weight in gold. "O.K.," said Stander, "that's what I'll give you for her." The scales were brought, the girl placed on one end and bags of gold dust on the other, and when the transaction

was complete he took the girl home with him. "His riches did no good, though," said Rufus, "He's now in a home for the infirm and aged."

ANOTHER year the brothers went up to Alaska for the seal-fishing. The trade was shared by U.S.A., Russia and Japan, and seals were slaughtered at a rate which threatened to wipe them out. Rufus, even at that age a propagandist, was one of those who agitated for measures to conserve the seals, and now there is a regulating authority which sees that there is no useless slaughter. Back again to their studies, Ralph and he passed their law examinations together and opened up an office in Wenatchee. At that time Wenatchee, in the north-western state of Washington, had only one newspaper, a weekly called "The World." An offshoot of a bigger Seattle publication, it had a circulation of less than two thousand, and the local bank, which had lent it a good deal of money, was anxiously watching its decline with a view to foreclosing. Just three weeks after he had started in law practice, he was scathing about the quality of "The World." The editor was quick to take up the challenge. "All right, Rufus," he said, "Why don't you take it over yourself?" "I think I will," said Rufus.

thousand. Rufus decided to turn it into a daily. When the circulation reached the nine-thousand mark he was satisfied that the town of Wenatchee, with a

completed two or three years hence, it will irrigate an area at present desert, more than a million acres in extent and it will provide a livelihood for the

hundreds of thousands of farmers whose vanguard has already arrived in the Northwest.

RUFUS who, as early as 1918, saw that the hand of the vandal was rapidly destroying the wealth of the north-west, dedicated the whole of his energies to saving the rich lava soil which is the basis of that wealth. In the pioneer days, the land had seemed so inexhaustible in extent that farmers cut down trees for timber and firewood, without troubling to conserve or replant. They farmed for a year or two and then, having torn from it the maximum wealth in the minimum time, moved on, leaving the countryside derelict behind them. This trail of disaster, begun by man, was completed by alternate flood and drought and erosion.

IT seemed a well-nigh hopeless business, and when Rufus Woods, day after day, in the columns of his newspaper, stormed at a public that was wider than his circulation, there were few who took his project very seriously. When he persisted they laughed at him, told humorous stories about his queer delusions. But the agricultural wealth of the north-west was something worth fighting for and Rufus, whose greatest gift is his sense of humour, could take it on the chin and still keep going. He kept going, a voice in the wilderness, for 13 years until, in 1931, the sanity of his project was recognised and a concrete scheme was drawn up and sanctioned by the government. While waiting to break through, he formed a league to protect the site and became its president, and when the State Columbia Basin Commission was set up to put the project into effect, Rufus Woods was appointed a member.

LAUGHED at for years as a dreamer, he found himself feted and honoured. He was presented with a desk-set made from the first shovelfull of ironwood drawn from the dam site. The Governor appointed him a sheriff, and when I saw him he was wearing the badge under his coat. Whitman College conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Letters at the same time as it gave it to Senator Borah. He became a delegate to the convention that nominates the president. The honour he likes best is the half-hour devoted to him in the N.Y.C. (New York) broadcast "Cavalcade of America."

THE child of his creation grown up and set on its feet, Rufus thought it was time to take a holiday. First he went to Russia. With a car and interpreter he went on an unplanned tour, seeing the Five Year Plan in progress. He conducted his visit as unobtrusively as possible, seeing the people at work on the Metro, on the railways and roads, in the fields. He talked to them, and although he had to take into account the sifting of the interpreter, he was able to get an idea of how the people were reacting. When he seemed too inquisitive, he found an officer in the back seat of his car, but mostly he was left alone to do and see what he pleased. His impression was that the vast Russian planning was likely to be a success, but that its effect on the standard of living as yet was negligible. Of course, he looked with special keenness at the dams. They are good, he says, but the Grand Coulee is going to be a lot better.

HE went to Italy and to Germany, and again to Russia. He was in Germany when Hitler marched into Austria, and he returned to America to tell them over the radio what he had seen, venturing the view that Czechoslovakia would be next on Hitler's programme. He hadn't long to wait. Now he is in China, filling a notebook with observations. "When I got back to Wenatchee," he told me, pointing to his book, "I'll go over big. They'll like it. They'll lap it up."



RUFUS WOODS

STRAIGHTWAY he went to the bank and told them his ideas for making the Wenatchee "World" into a live newspaper. Bankers are a sour and sceptical race, but they must have seen something for they lent him some more money! He went ahead. As soon as the paper was off the press he piled them into his buggy and went round the town making certain that every one had a copy, and made a point of showing them that the stories were about themselves, and not about the big shots in New York or Chicago. The circulation mounted to three thousand, four thousand, five

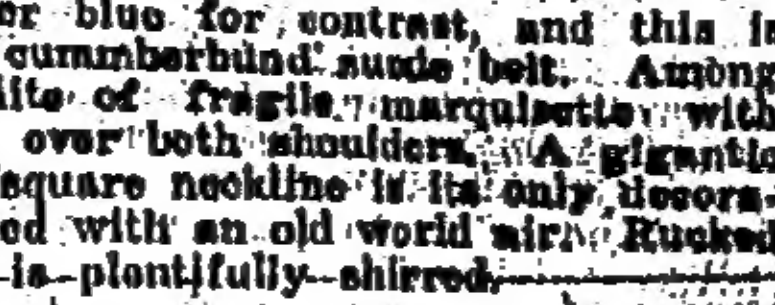
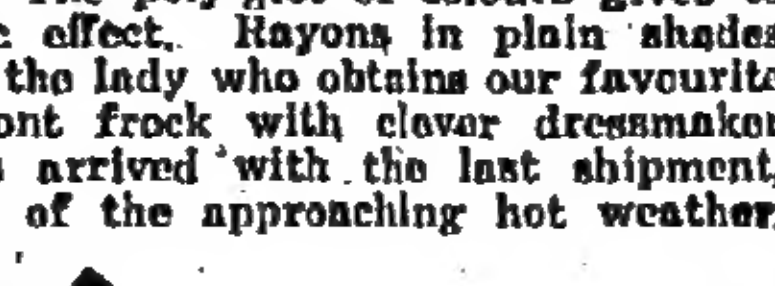
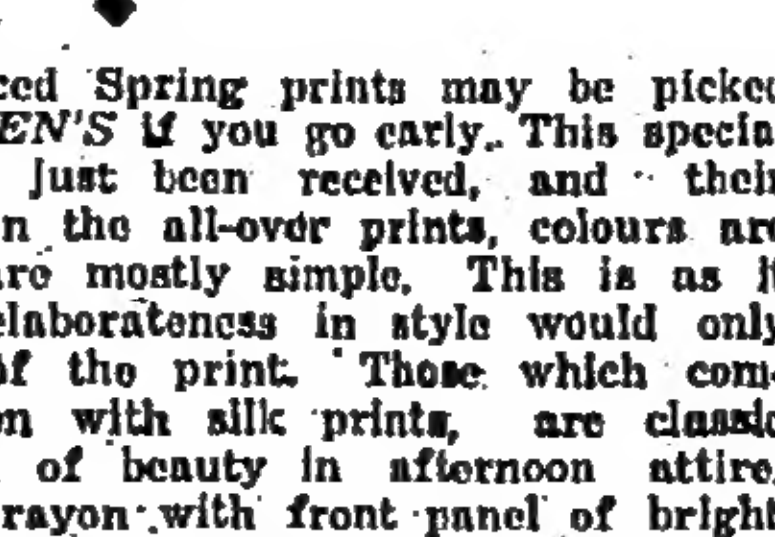
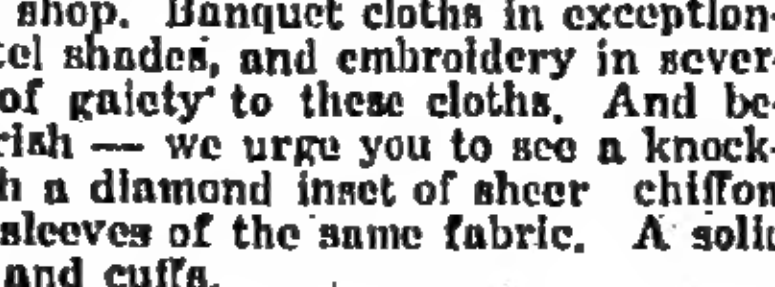
THE Coulee Dam is the child of his brain and imagination. The very name is poetry to his ears, because, by pounding at the public and the government, through his newspaper, at election meetings ever since 1918 and by hurricane lectures tours throughout the States, he, more than any other single person, has brought into being the world's greatest engineering triumph. The word "coulee" means canyon. The Grand Coulee, seven hundred feet above the bed of the Columbia, second biggest river in U.S.A., is two miles in width and thirty in length. When it is

In planning your summer wardrobe, don't overlook the importance of sponge cloth for good looks and long wear, and in your search for frocks of this kind, start with MISS VAYLOR. Here, where prices are among the most reasonable in town, you will find three models to quicken your pulse and cause you to rationalize over the choice of both style and colour. The popular dirndl is seen in a misty blue, with bright flower motifs enlivening a square neckline. Another combines a pink shirtwaist top, with blue skirt of slender striped pleats. Several new crepes may also be had, and quite the nicest is a black frock for afternoon occasions "picked up" with a shirred yoke of white lace. Summer formals are new, and most of these are fashioned of net or marquisette. Among the latter is an adorable blue, with fluffy shirred bodice and ruffled ribbon tracing two gigantic bows on the skirt. It should also be mentioned that this shop is one of the few which supplies maternity frocks. At the moment there are several cool cotton prints, combining style with comfort.

By far the prettiest handkerchiefs in town may be run to earth at THE LINEN CHEST. Here, more delicate embroidery is packed into ten square inches of space than the average tea cloth measuring many times that size. Slender tendrils weave in and out of miniature ferns and blossoms, and punch work as small as the eye of a needle trims the corners of many an exquisite model. Fashioned of very fine, soft linen, they seem almost too delicate to be of any practical use, but in this respect they deceive. Fragile in appearance, and long wearing in use, they are a typical example of the exquisite workmanship undertaken by this front rank shop. Banquet cloths in exceptionally fine green linen come in lovely pastel shades, and embroidery in several different colours to tone, give life to these cloths. And because we must mention this item or perish—we urge you to see a knockout nightie in pink crepe-de-chine, with a diamond inset of sheer chiffon on the diaphragm, and elbow-length sleeves of the same fabric. A solid block of smocking trims both shoulders and cuffs.

Respectfully priced Spring prints may be picked up at DOLLY VAYLOR'S if you go early. This special consignment has only just been received, and their number is limited. In the all-over prints, colours are dazzling and styles are mostly simple. This is as it should be, for any elaborateness in style would only smother the beauty of the print. Those which combine lightweight rayon with silk prints, are classic and reach the zenith of beauty in afternoon attire. We point to a black rayon with front panel of bright balls printed on silk. The poly-dot of colour gives to this dark frock a startling, dramatic effect. Rayons in plain shades should not be overlooked, and lucky is the lady who obtains our favourite—a lime green, buttoned-down-the-front frock with clever dressmaker details. Lots of new Spring bonnets arrived with the last shipment, and a few beach suits give warning of the approaching hot weather.

Lambie gambol over a stunning Spring print which combines lime green and black. The lime green is seen in a full pleated panel which adorns the front. Black lambs are printed on the green, green lambs on the black, and the novelty of the treatment will make heads turn and eyes follow you. See this frock at EXCELLA, 188 Nathan Road, and have a look, too, at the many new gowns they have recently received. Prints are gorgeously coloured. In the lightweight crepes many a new twist is given to necklines and pockets, sleeves and skirts, belts and clips. There is a "Heavenly" blue, which uses a darker blue for contrast, and this is seen in the fluted breast pockets and cummerbund belt. Among panels of white lace in the skirt and over both shoulders, a lace bow, placed in one corner of the square neckline, is the only decoration. An aquamarine blue is surrounded with an old world air. Buckle bows trim the skirt, and the bodice is plentifully shirred.



LITTLE NOTES of Great Importance

The modern bathing suit goes glamorous... takes on the duties of a streamlined foundation garment, and assures that same sought-for elegance of line that you manage to achieve in your town clothes and sheerest gown by the same method of figure control. Prophets are latest woven suits with boned brassiere, and the Ladies Salon of Lane, Crawford's can show you a one-piece garment or a suit which is no more than a pantie girdle on bra. Colours are inspiring and patterns are exceptionally novel. For example, a navy blue suit comes figured in numbers which run into hundreds, and there is a navy blue and red with nipped-in laces, waistline, and nautical sub-lets embroidered on a wide band at top. Colourful zips trim many and quite the nicest is a grey model with red, white and black stripes. One that manages to look different from all the others is a minute floral affair in red and white with moulded brassiere.

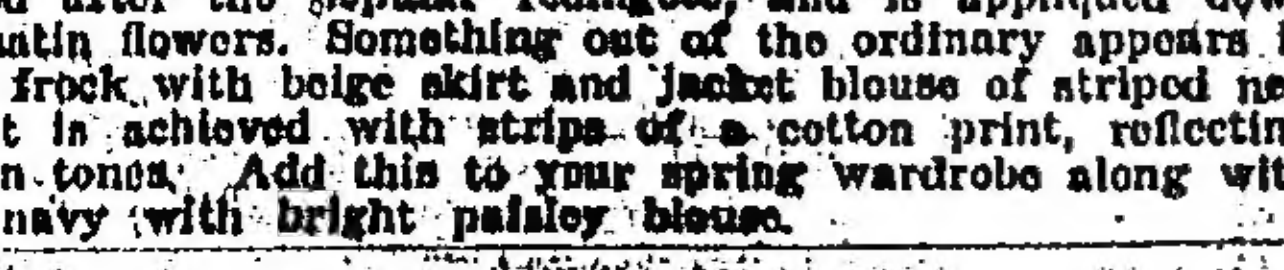
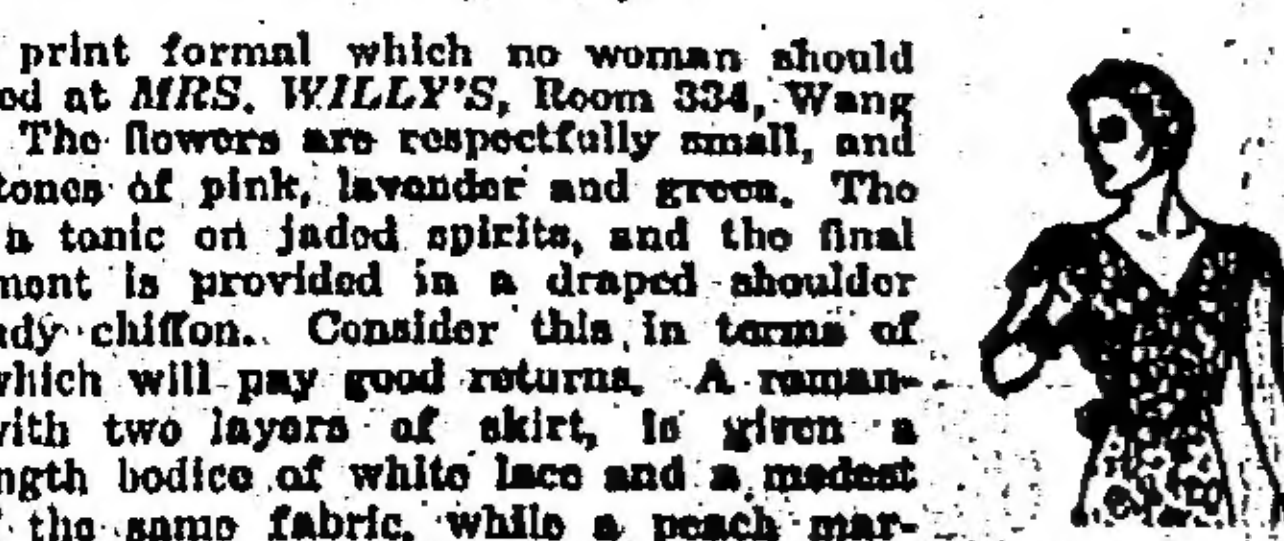
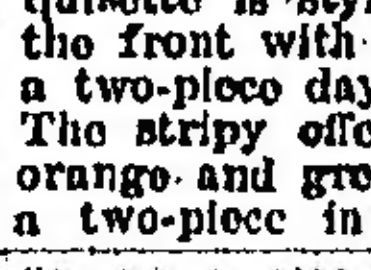
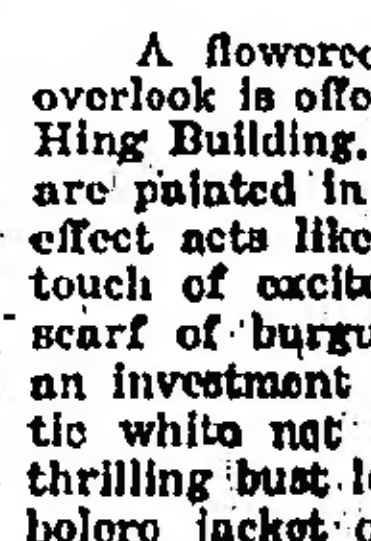


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A dramatic black chiffon, with a heavenly skirt, is just waiting to be claimed by the right woman. We imagine her to be tall, with no special colouring—but she must have height to show to advantage those luxurious gathered tiers in the skirt, each section trimmed with two narrow rows of glossy black sequins. Something new in bodices, and a long sheer cape stamp this gown as a COSTIDES creation. This clever designer can pack more drama into ten yards of chiffon than any Hollywood producer can put into ten reels of film. On a same spectacular footing, is a green chiffon with masses of shirring on the bodice and a floor-length cape of lacy lace. A contrast to this stateliness is seen in a romantic grey net, with tiers of narrow ruffles in the skirt, and a grey ribbon sash plentifully looped. Matching genius for genius is an expert milliner whose deft fingers are the magic wand which changes last year's models into this season's hat prophetic.

Have you noticed with what irritating frequency children are apt to catch cold in all weathers? What's a mere cold after all, you say? A trifle, perhaps, but it is answerable for many illnesses. For instance, it induces or contributes to pneumonia, bronchitis, pulmonary tuberculosis, and several other maladies of a serious character. You see, a modern child impairs vitality and renders the victim susceptible to disease generally. Put that way it sounds a little more serious, doesn't it? So if we were you and had any kiddies to mind, we'd guard sedulously against colds by keeping a bottle of WATSON'S NO. 35 Cough Syrup in the house. After all, an ounce of prevention is worth a ton of cure, you know, so if you've got 20 cents to spare, invest it in a bottle of WATSON'S No. 35 Cough Syrup for Children now.

A flowered print formal which no woman should overlook is found at MISS WILLYS, Room 354, Wang Hing Building. The flowers are respectably small, and are painted in tones of pink, lavender and green. The effect acts like a tonic on jaded spirits, and the final touch of excitement is provided in a draped shoulder scarf of burgundy-chiffon. Consider this in terms of an investment which will pay good returns. A romantic white net with two layers of skirt, is given a thrilling bust-length bodice of white lace and a modest bolero jacket of the same fabric, while a peach marquisette is styled after the popular rodigote, and is applied down the front with satin flowers. Something out of the ordinary appears in a two-piece day frock with beige skirt and jacket of striped net. The striped effect is achieved with strips of a cotton print, reflecting orange and green tones. Add this to your spring wardrobe along with a two-piece in navy with bright paley blouse.



Re-Incarnation

CARLOS K. Badera was a Theosophical Society visitor on Thursday evening. When the meeting was over members, many sceptical, clustered around him and asked to be told the secrets of their earlier lives. I believe Mr. Badera is a Spaniard, but he spoke faultless English in a low, well-modulated voice, and there was the suggestion of the feminine in his small, slender figure.

A LADY was first, of course. "I am," said Mr. Badera, speaking in the person of the lady's past incarnation, "a French countess, beautiful and well-beloved, living in the midst of beautiful things in the warm climate of southern France. I was fond of hunting, and I died of a hunting accident." The voice paused, then went on. "I was born again in the Midi. I became a nun and my life was tranquil and full of happiness."

NEXT was a Hong Kong business man. Born a German, he was at first an aggressive Imperialist, but meeting Karl Marx, became one of his adherents though doubting whether his theories were practicable. His children were his greatest source of pride, but after his death he discovered that his wife had been disloyal and that not one of the nine children was his own.

THE following enquirer had a similar post-mortem disconcert. His wife's three children were not only not his own, but they had robbed and cheated him and had been partially responsible for his death. A doubting lady asked how anything as incredible as re-incarnation could be possible. With the tired patience of a mother answering a fractious child, Mr. Badera replied, "The body wears out, the soul never does. And so the body must be renewed." Unquenchable, the lady asked whether he could recall past events of her present existence, but he is inspired "to see only into past lives."

THE unpleasantest past, almost inevitable, was my own. He gazed at me, turned quite white and sat down. Speaking with reluctance, he said that occasionally there were people who transmitted the horror of their past to him and affected him so that he could hardly stand. I was one. I had been foully and violently murdered in circumstances that would not bear relating.

Women Can Paint

THE four women artists who are exhibiting in Queen's Building are well-known to Hong Kong, but if they were not, this show of theirs would make them so. It is the kind of show that low-brows, like you and I, can visit with enjoyment. High-brows and experts will appreciate the technical perfection that characterises the paintings, but those of us who cannot put our appreciation into the current jargon can understand them and get a good deal of pleasure from seeing them. They are not problem pictures, nor experiments in new forms or new media. They are honest, straightforward pictures, painted with great skill.

HAD I the task of awarding prizes, my first would go to Minna Whitman's "Portrait of a Chinese Gentleman." It is the best of a number of brilliantly executed drawings in pastel and black-and-white. My second would have to be divided. Half to Agnes Moffat. She works in

two distinct styles. I did not care for the wash drawings which seemed to receive a good deal of notice, but "In the Fields," which is in her more serious style, is very striking. Indeed, as a portrait of a Chinese working in his paddy-fields, it is entirely authentic.

ALMOST equally I liked the bright and lovely tints of Truda Panet's "On Lamma Island." It is fresh and vital and it convinces the eye by an almost startling simplicity. This artist also works in more than one style. "The Wyle at Wylie" did not impress as a painting, but as a fragment of the cool and fresh English countryside, it is delightful. Her portraits of dogs probably attracted most attention. All of us have a weakness for dog-pictures when they are well done, and the three in this show have a special appeal.

AMONG Hong Kong landscapes, none is better than "Port Shelter" by Ermy Campbell, a simple picture of lovely green hills falling into the tranquil sea. It impresses by its sincerity and because it has caught the spirit of the New Territories. The exhibition closes to-morrow afternoon.

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Personalia

Mr. A. H. Fenwick, lecturer in civil engineering at the University of Hong Kong, returned to the Colony from Australia in the Taiping.

Mrs. M. Gee, wife of the manager of the National Aniline and Chemical Co., and her children, returned to the Colony in the Empress of Japan.

Mrs. N. Vicari, sister of Mrs. W. J. Gell, of Luna Building, Kowloon, has arrived here from Yokohama.

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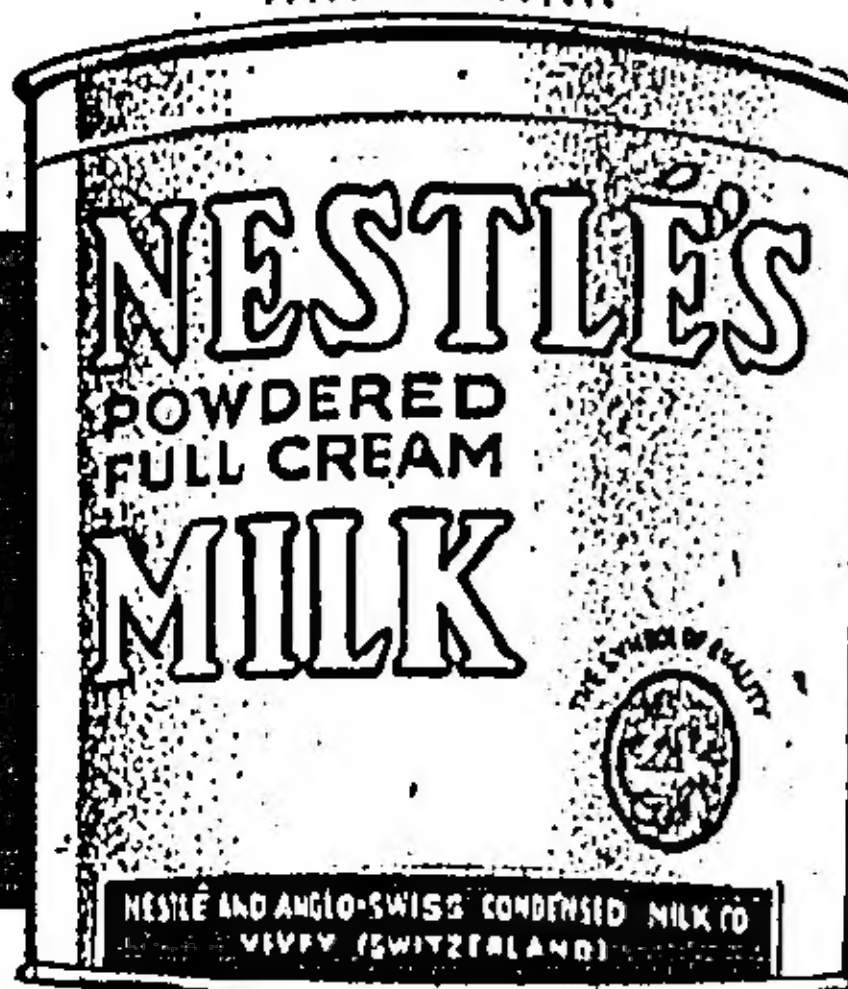
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The Occupation Of Hainan Raises A Question Of Solidarity

JAPAN'S occupation of the island of Hainan is one of the strokes usual to the totalitarian States. They have succeeded and this encourages them to persevere. The method is invariably the same. The appetite for conquest is at first disguised by an alleged ideal, an anticommunist campaign or a racial combat; at the same time, the authors invoke "vital" necessities of expansion and imagine that these necessities entitle them to take what they covet. After which, they attack such weaker countries as they wish to conquer, dismember or reduce to a state of vassalage. No account is taken of other nations who are thus menaced by this contempt of the law of nations and rupture of balance or who may even be directly affected owing to the treaties which they have concluded or the interests which are at stake. To intimidate them, the totalitarians go so far as to seize upon pledges which are important for their own security. Thus it is that Austria, Czechoslovakia, the Spanish Republic and China have been selected as victims. And this is why—to exercise a continued pressure on the democratic States, Italy proposed to remain indefinitely in Spain or at least at Majorca, while Japan, by no means by pure coincidence, has occupied Hainan.

As far as China is concerned, this action is no less monstrous than the aggression against the other parts of her territory, and notwithstanding the military pretexts invoked, it is not particularly effortful. In reality, this is a show of violence definitely directed against France, Great Britain and the United States and a serious menace to their possessions and interests in the Far East.

Simultaneous Threat

Situated at 300 km. from Hainan and at 400 km. from Hanoi, the island of Hainan commands the Gulf of Tonkin in such a way that if it continued to be occupied, it would be very difficult to defend Indo-China. Japan would find means either of occupying this colony or of exercising a perpetual political pressure on France. Similarly, owing to its position between Hong Kong and Singapore, Hainan can cut off the British communications with the Far East. This is also true in the case of France, as for the United States, whose Pacific possessions are also menaced. Thus the three great democracies have been simultaneously threatened and defied at a point which forms the intersection of their interests in this part of the world. If they do not react jointly to this common threat, they admit to a weakness which may have incalculable consequences.

France can invoke the Franco-Chinese agreements of 1897, the Franco-Japanese agreements of 1907, and all three States the Nine-Power Treaty guaranteeing the integrity of China. Moreover, the actual manner of this new infringement of the law of nations constitutes an aggravation of its character. Immediately after the occupation, Japan took care to inform the world that Germany and Italy, who had nothing to say in the matter, had been notified of the fact, whereas the States direct-

ly concerned had received no notice. Since then, owing to the demands of explanation addressed to the Tokyo Government, the preliminary agreement with Berlin and Rome was denied from various more or less semi-official sources. But no one could be deceived by this vague and tardive rectification. This adventure bears the impress of the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo triangle; the two European associates clapped their hands in concert. And, however this may be, the menace is obvious.

This is the result of the failure of the Brussels Conference of October, 1937, on the subject of the Nine-Power Agreement and of the

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Affairs.

lack of sufficient cohesion between the three great democracies. This conference failed owing to the Italian obstruction and the said lack of cohesion. The great Powers concerned could and should at least have agreed upon a joint action. This was desired by the French Government and by others. But efforts in this direction failed, and Japan, confronted with no serious obstacle, was thus encouraged to persevere in her enterprise.

Failing a concerted action whose success was beyond doubt, the only thing left to the Powers concerned was to take isolated measures with far less chance of success to safeguard their own interests. The main point for France was to secure a friendly agreement preventing Japan from occupying Hainan. She succeeded for some time. But by defying France as she has done, Japan reminds us that she also disposes of certain means of pressure, and that if nothing is done for her, she will do nothing for us.

The French Government was the first to demand explanations from Tokyo, a step which was followed by similar demands on the part of the British and American Governments. But these sporadic attempts produced no great effect. Japan will remain at Hainan and states that this occupation is merely of a military and provisional character. Everyone knows what to think of this declaration, denied moreover by the Japanese, German and Italian Press. The disinterested attitude of the Japanese with regard to Hainan is much the same as that of Italians in respect of Majorca. Both parties contradict themselves. They say what must be said to appease temporarily. Can anyone be so naïve as to be deceived by their statements? But this is calculated to prevent any efficacious reaction. Similarly, they baffle words by acts and take no pains to dissimulate their intentions.

More United Than Victims

These tactics have succeeded so far because the aggressors are far more united than their victims. They know what they were doing in combating and jeering at the theory of indivisible peace. They advocated the system of local agreements and conflicts—that is, localised for their adversaries, not for themselves who have made it their object to dominate the world. By signing the anti-communist pact and invoking a common need of vital expansion, they have usurped the right to intervene everywhere. And they have monopolised the right to do so on pretext of localised conflicts. In their view, the aggression against China concerned no one else and, in this, resembled the aggression against Austria, Czechoslovakia and the Spanish Republic. When Italy claims Djibouti and Tunisia, this does not concern Great Britain, when she dreams of expelling the Englishmen from Gibraltar, this is no affair of France. But, on the other hand, it is quite logical that Germany, Italy and Japan should assist each other in their enterprises, and their aggression be

assistance. Nothing is more significant in this respect than the parallelism of the occupation of Majorca and Hainan. If these tactics were to be developed unhindered, the world would become a vast hunting ground reserved for the totalitarian states.

For the Far East, it is henceforth quite clear that they intend to allocate among themselves spheres of interest. If not territories, and thus to eliminate France, Great Britain, the United States, the U.S.S.R., and Holland. The results of the Hainan affair will show whether this can be done or not.

But it is not only with Hainan and the Far East that we are concerned; what is at stake is the security and the peace of the whole world, the safeguarding of which devolves upon the Great Democratic Powers. The totalitarian States have become accustomed to defying them and to jeering at their efforts. If the democracies do not react, if they passively resign themselves to these encroachments and outrages, this will be construed as a proof not of level-headedness but as cowardice. No one can doubt that they wish for peace. But they must also mobilise their possibilities of resistance and union.

An Expression Of Necessity

Materially, they are the stronger, thanks to their financial and economic superiority and their enormous resources in raw materials; morally, their ideal is that of the immense majority of mankind, whose aversion to the methods of the totalitarians is only awaiting the organisation of resistance to burst forth. The democracies are making an enormous effort to arm against the aggressors. But none of them alone would be able to resist the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis. They must therefore unite for the purpose of their own common defence and for that of world civilisation.

Happily, they seem to be realising this fact more and more. The declaration of complete solidarity made by the French and British Governments was a very useful expression of this necessity. The Italian Government, which appeared to cast doubt upon this cohesion and acted accordingly, so long as Mr. Chamberlain remained silent, can no longer be uninformed on the subject. The far-sighted and courageous attitude adopted by Mr. Roosevelt is also a warning in time. This warning, the measures of armament initiated by him, the precautions taken in the Pacific, the supply of arms in Great Britain and France, are so many guarantees of peace. But this does not mean that anything similar to the totalitarian axis has been created between Paris, London and New York. Still, this solidarity of three democracies can and should produce its effect where necessary.

There is therefore every reason to hope that this solidarity will come into play, the more so as risks of initiative are definitely less than those inherent in a passive attitude or in unconcerted action. Never was concerted action more necessary, nor more clearly indicated. At what moment could the pacific nations agree to unite, if they cannot succeed in doing so when their joint duties and interests show the way?

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(From A Special Correspondent)

ROME, YESTERDAY.

IT HAS BECOME NOT UNCOMMON IN ITALY TO HEAR PROMINENT FASCISTS PASSING CAUSTIC REMARKS UPON WHAT TAKES PLACE IN THEIR RANKS.

Jokes made at the expense of high officials on the conduct of affairs at home and abroad are in fashion.

People of all classes have become apprehensive of the repercussions which the country is undergoing on account of the conquest of Abyssinia.

That daring enterprise, undertaken by Mussolini on his sole responsibility—against the will of the nation, of the General Staff, and the King—seems to prove an irreparable failure in every way, agricultural, industrial, colonial.

The overbearing ascendancy that Germany now holds over Italy is also another cause of the general dissatisfaction.

Notwithstanding the severe censorship imposed upon the lips of all citizens, people are beginning to talk about their present discontent and their anxiety for the future.

The result of the Spanish adventure is still a dark uncertainty. With whom is the balance of advantage going to lie? That is a burning question in the minds of all Italians.

In spite of all, their faith in the shining genius of Mussolini is still alive.

POWERFUL MILITIA

So they pluck up courage and think that shortly he will deliver a diplomatic master stroke which will compensate Italy for the heavy military and financial support given to Franco and raise Italy's prestige in the world.

They have had this faith ever since Mussolini came into power.

They had not been to any extent perturbed by the sudden and drastic change from a democratic to an autocratic regime, because they felt that as long as Mussolini was there all would be well in the

land of Machiavelli.

But they had no confidence whatever in his entourage.

The general opinion was that in case of a catastrophe—by which they meant Mussolini's death—the army would immediately seize the reins of the Government.

A temporary military dictatorship would keep the people under control, until the return of a democratic Government.

A powerful militia has been formed since then, rigidly to enforce the Fascist system upon the nation to secure its stability against any eventual reaction by the military element.

The army could not look with sympathy upon the growth of a militia 200,000 strong.

FIGHT TO DEATH

It is evident, that if at Mussolini's death a civil war should break out, those 200,000 militiamen would fight to the death for the defence and maintenance of a regime which gives them a good living.

Thousands and thousands of civilian Fascists, who now enjoy highly remunerative positions in the public administration, would lose their jobs with a change of Government. They would no doubt make common cause with the militia.

The army is kept in a state of great disadvantage. It is left with practically no munitions except the small amount required for rifle and gun practice.

The militia is well provided for, and has immediate access to all Italy's military equipment.

The militia, which now keeps the country in Mussolini's grip, so that no one dare lift a finger against him, is in a favourable position to ensure that Fascism does not pass away with the death of its founder.

IL DUCE'S SUCCESSOR

If this is the case, who is likely to be Mussolini's successor?

It appears that the man who stands a better chance than anybody else is Marshal Balbo.

He is by far the most popular leader, and the only one who frankly speaks his mind.

At one time his independent attitude and his ever-increasing popularity were embarrassing to the Duce. It was felt prudent to keep Marshal Balbo altogether away from Rome.

So he was persuaded to relinquish his position as Air Minister for the Governorship of Libya, which he still holds.

It is affirmed by those who know Marshal Balbo intimately that, should he assume the power, he would at once sweep away all harsh restrictions.

STAFF TALK IN FRANCE

London, Yesterday. Conferences between the British and French General Staffs are to take place shortly, according to the "Daily Mail," which says that these discussions will concern arrangements for swift deployment of British troops in France in the event of an emergency, either in the north or south. Trans-Ocean.

PEACE EFFORT ON AMERICAN LABOUR FRONT

Washington, Yesterday.

The two American trade union organisations which for months past have been fighting each other tooth and nail the American Federation of Labour (AFL) and the Committee for Industrial Organisation (CIO) have begun conversations in the White House on the possibility of combining.

The discussions are taking place on the direct invitation of President Roosevelt, who considers their combination necessary, not only for their own efficiency, but also because of the accusations that CIO has been favoured by the National Labour Relations Board as against AFL. Difficulty lies in the fact that the AFL, headed by William Green, caters largely for skilled craftsmen, and accusers of Communism, the CIO which under the Presidency of John L. Lewis, has gathered in skilled and unskilled workers.

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The Younger Unemployed

The Need For a New Approach

A conjunction of events has served to focus public opinion on the problem of the younger unemployed and debates in both British Houses of Parliament are unmistakable evidence of the nation's deepening concern. The fact that unemployment figures have recently once again passed the two million mark in England is an unwelcome reminder that despite vast expenditure on rearmament the problem of men and women without work in England is still as far as ever from a solution. The British Minister of Labour was justified in maintaining that this very large figure did not constitute a standing army. But even though its composition may fluctuate in terms of human personnel, the tragedy of the "hard core" is nowhere denied.

THERE is also general agreement in political parties that the problem presented by the future of the younger unemployed in Great Britain is not one that can be measured by statistics alone. Indeed the only importance of figures in connection with it is that we may be able to appreciate its extent in general terms. Various estimates have been given, but probably the most significant was that given by Lord Rushcliffe, Chairman of the Unemployment Assistance Board, in the House of Lords on February 22nd. He spoke of a sample enquiry which he had caused to be made not long ago on this very matter. "According to the result of this enquiry," continued Lord Rushcliffe, "there are about 146,000 men under 35 whose unemployment has been so prolonged that they are no longer entitled to unemployment benefit but are drawing unemployment allowances. About 80,000 of them have had either no employment or less than six months employment in the last three years. Could a situation be disclosed which is more tragic in relation to the unemployed than those figures reveal?"

WE shall all agree that the recovery of world trade offers the only fully satisfactory solution of our problem, and the British Government will receive strong support for efforts to promote such recovery. But how long at best is that process going to take? The fate of the Van Zeeland Report in this connection is not encouraging, and clearly the term must be measured in years rather than in weeks or months. And in the meanwhile what will be the effect of the progressive modernization of industry upon unemployment, and the effect of a further waiting period upon the younger unemployed themselves? With the passage of time, even though the figures grow no larger, the condition of those young men without work must inevitably become worse, and in the great majority of instances through no fault of theirs. If we face questions frankly we cannot escape the conclusion that the position of world trade cannot be regarded as an exclusive remedy for unemployment, and that in England, as in other countries, other remedies must be examined, even though they are unorthodox.

THESE arguments are all the more formidable when we recall that the worst feature of the evil with which England has to deal is that which is not static but cumulative. It is a problem of human deterioration which, if it be not soon met, must have dire consequences for British national well-being. No one doubts the sincerity of the efforts made by the successive Governments of England for the value of the facilities which are already available, but something more and something different is now required. England needs another approach and one which will appeal to the imagination of the Nation and of the unemployed men themselves. England has to get out of the rut.

If such an occasion could be found there need surely be little doubt of the response. For no one believes that even now, after a period of unemployment,

which in certain instances has extended over several years, the majority of the younger unemployed are other than eager to find work. On this question the Report of the Unemployment Assistance Board is quite clear. The percentage of those who do not earnestly desire work is still small, but the longer the period without opportunity the larger it will become. The basis of any new appeal should therefore be voluntary. The arguments in favour of an initiative upon this basis are at least as strong in the

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Former Secretary
Of State For
Foreign Affairs

industrial sphere as they are in the military. Moreover, if the projects for which work is called for are in themselves a contribution to social service, this will further enhance the popularity of their appeal.

IT was in this connection that the British Government proposals for the building of camps seemed to some of us to offer an opportunity that should not be missed, for the special employment of some of the younger men without work. It is true that so far only 50 camps are contemplated, but it is generally expected that these camps will in themselves be in the nature of a trial attempt, and if the experiment succeeds it will certainly be extended. Indeed, it is obvious that if any one of the purposes to which these camps might be put, of which the first is to be "schools and kindred purposes," is to be fulfilled, a considerably larger number will ultimately be required. Moreover, what matters most is not the extent of any new opportunity for work that may be made available for the younger unemployed, but that such opportunity should in fact be new.

ADMITTEDLY there are difficulties in the proposal but there are none of them of so formidable a character that they cannot be overcome. If, however, the experiment is to have the best chance of success, it is essential that it shall be made wholeheartedly. It is tempting to suggest that the contractors who may be engaged in the construction of the camps should be compelled to employ a certain percentage of younger unemployed, but it is very doubtful whether such a proposal would provide a satisfactory solution. A young man who has been many years out of work or who has never had employment requires special attention and the best results are not likely to be obtained if his labour is mixed with that of men who have been in comparatively steady employment. Skilled supervision will no doubt be necessary, but for the rest it would be fairer to the younger unemployed to give them their chance as a body.

THIS important thing is to make the start, for if the first experiment could be successfully launched there need be no lack of opportunity for its extension. In this connection it is worth while to recall the experience of the Civilian Conservation Corps in the United States, not because we should necessarily adopt the

method for the younger unemployed in England, but because the experience of a great democratic State which embarked on what was without doubt a bold experiment, can help us. When these camps were first instituted they came in for some sharp criticism. They were said to be tinged with militarism, but such comments are rarely heard now, and public opinion in the United States undoubtedly approves the work these camps are doing—this despite the fact that the camps are under the control of the Army Department, a precedent which it would be unnecessary to follow here, where other forms of organization are available. The military discipline in the Civilian Conservation Corps camps is in truth very light, and wisely so.

WHILE in the United States, I had the opportunity to discuss the C.C.C. camps with a number of persons of divergent views, and to visit one of them. Certain good results of their work are inescapable. Enlistment in the Corps is voluntary, but there is no difficulty in finding sufficient recruits. On the contrary, there is a waiting list. The men are allotted during their period of training certain specific tasks, all of a practical usefulness, but none of which would probably be undertaken but for the existence of the Corps. These tasks included afforestation, drainage and land reclamation. The benefit to the men in health is manifestly very great.

THE considerable success of this American experiment is an insufficient argument for its wholesale adoption in England. Conditions differ widely even as between countries whose peoples have the same deep attachment to freedom and democratic institutions. But fundamentally the problems have a strong resemblance. In Great Britain there is work to do and men anxious to do it. England's huge armament expenditure shows that finance is not an insuperable obstacle and, in any event, there can be no greater extravagance than to tolerate the deterioration against their will of an important proportion of our population. In such conditions no system of government can admit failure, and every new method, however modest its beginning, deserves a fair trial.

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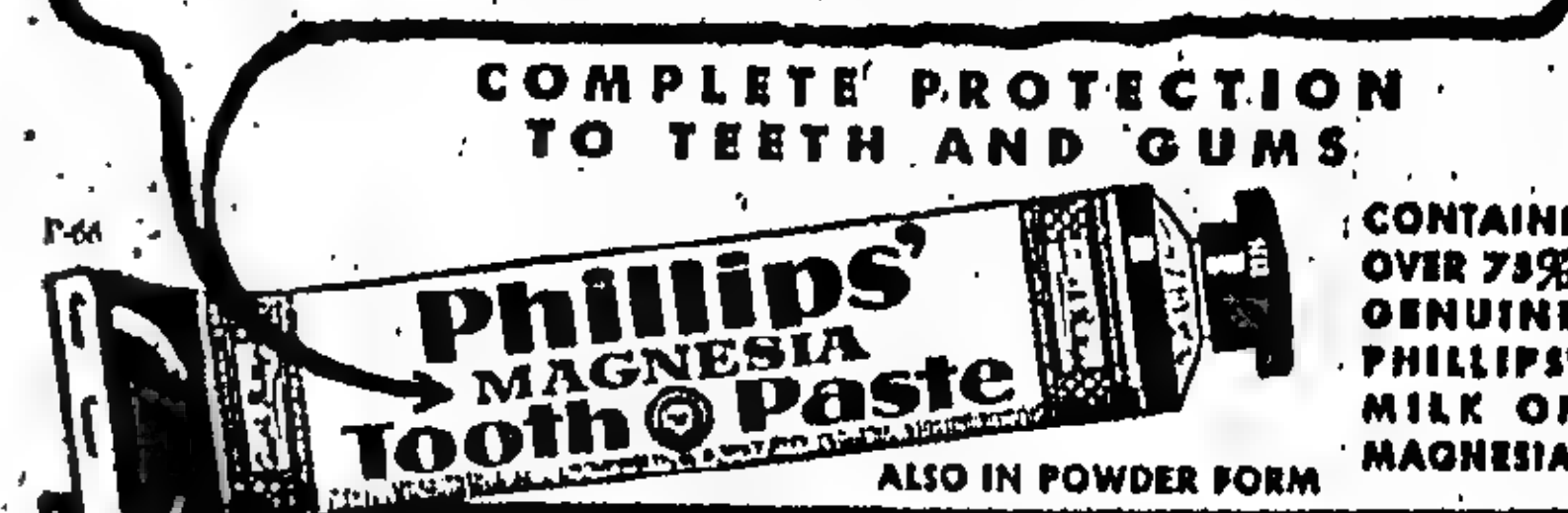
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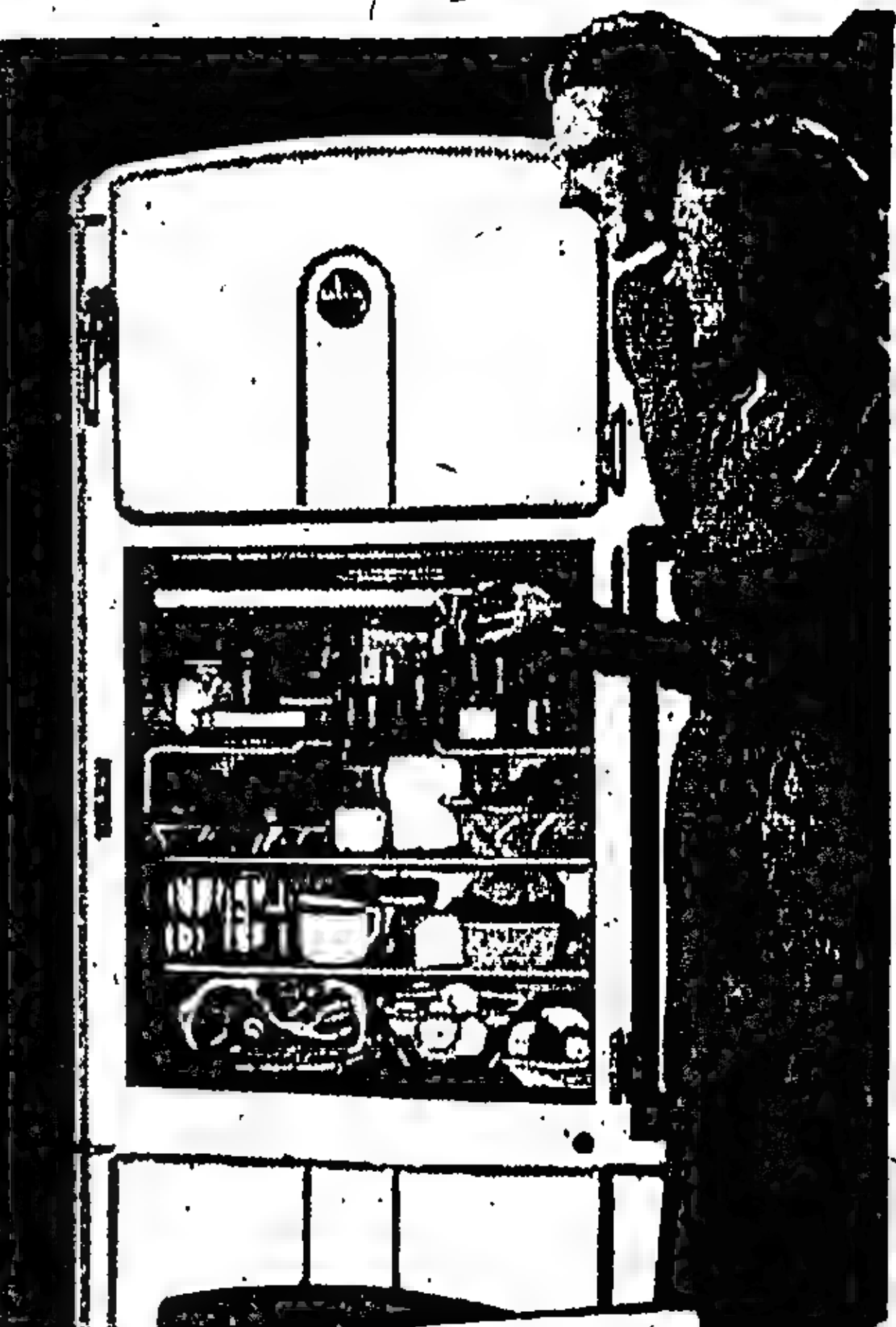
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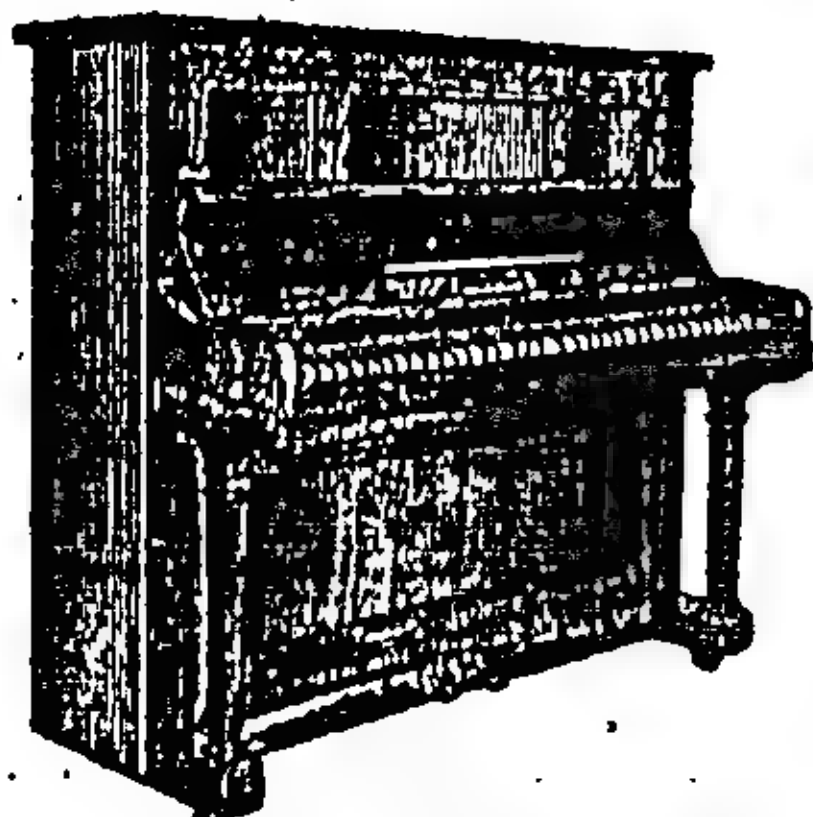
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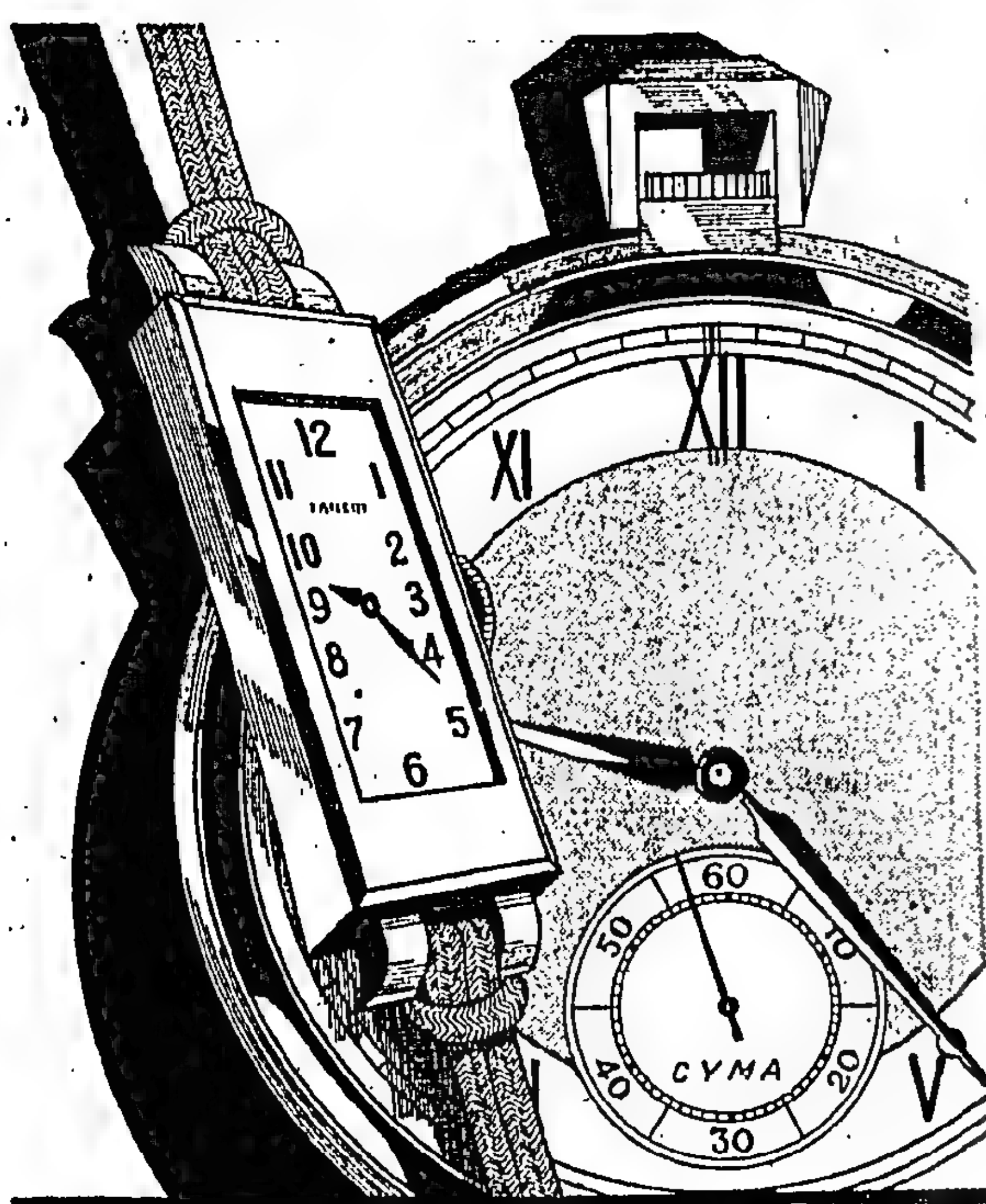


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A.R.P. IN HONG KONG

THE recent spate of criticism and advice concerning air raids precautions in Hong Kong holds this much of encouragement to the authorities: it suggests that perseverance has at last broken through the hard crust of the Colony's traditional apathy.

That the wider public is beginning to take a keener individual interest has also been illustrated by the steady flow of visitors to the Peninsula Hotel for the A.R.P. exhibition, though it would be going too far to suggest that all have left comfortably impressed.

Like Sir John Anderson's plans for England, the measures proposed for Hong Kong (presuming the exhibition to represent official policy) are suggestive of short-term A.R.P., with its hotly disputed effectiveness.

Doubtless, all of the precautions suggested by the exhibition would be helpful: important, possibly, provided no heavyweight bomb dropped anywhere near them. But even that it is difficult to demonstrate, for no demonstrator is so wastefully extravagant as to wreck his happy picture of comparative security by testing it to breaking point.

As for evacuation, regarding which there have been some strange contradictions, one authority suggesting that an evacuation plan is in being, another denying that any such proposal has even been contemplated, it is not difficult to be uncompromising in rejecting it out of hand.

In the first place, the New Territories might easily be the battleground; Lantau, assuming an enemy did not occupy it to provide heavy gun emplacements, would create insuperable problems connected with maintaining those evacuated.

Apart from that, essential services have to be carried on. If women and children were sent to "safer" spots, their menfolk would soon want to follow them. The morale of the male population would inevitably be weakened by worrying about the fate of their families.

That, in fact, was the issue raised by the correspondent of the "Sunday Herald" who advocates tunnelling the Colony's hillsides. There are many objections to the proposal, including the danger of scrambling crowds caught by bombers in a bottleneck, and the high cost of burrowing through Hong Kong's pretty solid rock. But objections do not remove the certain anxieties of, say, the Volunteer manning a machine-gun in a staunchly built pillbox, knowing his family to be huddled in non-protected or ill-protected property.

Sit-tight wherever one happens to be is, at the moment, still the only sensible advice, to keep down the casualty toll of an enemy raid. That is for the community as a whole. It does not provide for the feelings of relatives of the unlucky ones.

AIR RESERVES

INCLUSION of Hong Kong in the plans of the Air Ministry for developing reserve flying and training organisation overseas doubtless has been received in interested quarters with enthusiasm.

It will also, almost certainly, have the valuable effect of causing some re-examination of the position, usefulness and potentiality of the Air Arm of the H.K.V.D.C.

The air arm has come under severe criticism from other sections of the Corps, because it has taken a very large share of the Corps allotment from public funds, without showing any notable gain to the Colony's defensive efficiency.

This has not been, in the view of the critics, because the idea is basically wrong, but for the reason that the vote has not, it is alleged, been spent to the best advantage.

During the years of its existence, the men who have taken flying training and secured their licences has been astonishingly few. Instead of passing a steady succession of would-be airmen through, there has developed an impression, rightly or wrongly, that the Air Arm has become rather exclusive.

The new proposals promise to broaden the scope of volunteer flying training in the Colony: and there are many who think that that will not be at all a bad thing.

THIS WEEK

Ample warning that further financial aid by Britain to China was pending did not prevent registration as a severe shock to Japan, the announcement that two Far East banks had granted a \$5,000,000 credit to Chiang Kai-shek's Government for creation of a stabilisation fund. Modesty of the first British loan, a mere £500,000, had apparently deceived Tokyo into the belief that the British Government were halfheartedly responding to Chinese approaches, and that half a million was a token more of British reserve than of readiness to take measures seriously disturbing to Japan. The new credit, in short, shook another Japanese theory to its foundations. Even so, significantly, the official outcry has been noteworthy more for lack of certainty as to the next move than for its vigour.

Britain's sign of continued confidence in the stability of the Chiang Kai-shek regime came, oddly enough, at a moment when Japan was resuming military operations on a major scale in Central Hupeh. General extension of the scope of the conflict was heralded by an offensive designed to break down Chinese defences on the Han River, which succeeded temporarily, but gave the Japanese new positions which they were unable to maintain. As an apparently inevitable accompaniment, came bombing raids on Ichang and Sianfu, disastrous in their toll of civilian life, which, far away as both are, aroused strong foreign protests. Foreign mission property in both towns were deliberately bombed; a foreign hospital at Sian was wrecked by direct hits; but 1,500 dead in Ichang alone seemed relatively more important, and barbarous.

Agreement was reached in Shanghai promising a happier spirit of co-operation between the Municipal Council and the Japanese for the suppression of terrorism, for which it was claimed that the integrity of the Administration was not subject to infringement. Almost immediately, however, the Japanese Naval Landing Party found pretext to surround the Yulin Road Police Station and demand the surrender of two Chinese in the hands of the Municipal Police. Revelation of the later that the terms of the

agreement provided for a "secret section" of the Municipal Police, under Japanese control, deprived Shanghai residents of their first satisfaction. Demand was made that the precise terms of the agreement be disclosed.

In Tientsin, tension increased. Erection of machine-gun posts covering the entrances to the British and French Concessions, came as answer to British demands for removal of the live-wire barricades, which have converted the zone into a large concentration camp. All the measures taken pointed to the same conclusion: Japan's intention to prevent commercial intercourse between the Concessions and the outside world; and, in particular, to cut off shipping facilities. Major Guy Herbert, the British Consul, made several protests.

Spanish affairs were complicated by the elimination of Dr. Negrin from any place of importance on the Republican side. Control of the reins was seized by a military junta headed by General Casado, who later enlisted General Miaja as President of the so-called National Defence Council. Primary aim, it emerged, was conclusion of peace on honourable terms, but unfortunately, General Franco declined to respond to straight-worded overtures. The interval was seized upon by intransigents, described as Communists, to challenge the authority of Madrid's peacemakers, and street fighting in the capital continued. Were it possible, the Republican cause was rendered a stage more hopeless.

In such circumstances as these, General Franco proclaimed a blockade of the Republic's coast, threatening to sink any craft which ventured within the three-mile limit. No attempt to take Madrid was made, despite the opportunity furnished by the chaos in Republican ranks. Britain, not to be outdone in contrariness, decided to intervene, apparently insisting that if Franco wanted the victory he must secure it by other means than starving out the populace. At all events, a first-class incident emerged as a possibility when British war-

ships were ordered to protect British shipping even inside territorial waters, and General Franco replied: We shall see what we shall see.

Not since Munich has Germany administered a sharper shock to British susceptibilities than when she demanded a percentage of the gold reserve of Czechoslovakia this week. Watching the disintegration of Czechoslovakia has been a painful enough process. The "logic" of the demand for percentage of gold in relation to percentage of population politely expropriated must have made even Mr. Chamberlain squirm. But nothing, of course, was done about it.

Then came the surprise of drastic action by the Czechs against the Slovaks, suspected of planning a coup for the complete severance of relationship with the Federal State. The picture looked wrong from every angle. Slovak leaders consorting frequently with Nazi leaders in Germany: a plot: Czech resistance when current signs demonstrated inability of Dr. Hacha to move without ascertaining German wishes: direct appeal of the Slovaks to Herr Hitler over Dr. Hacha's head: a secret Hitler conference. Belief that the Slovaks would not have ventured a step without German encouragement failed to fit with the reply of the Czechs. All the prophets suggested that Hitler had ceased temporarily to look eastward: maybe they were wrong and we have to wait for the completion of the picture.

Army and Navy Estimates presented in the House of Commons were most interesting as showing Britain's intentions as showing France the aid of British troops in a Continental war. Nineteen divisions, which will be available almost immediately, represent a force three times the strength of that available in August, 1914. Skipped over, however, was the mixture of intensive British rearmament, organisation of the country to meet every possible emergency, and the existence of an army of 1,500,000 men unemployed, for which the economic system has no use!

SCRUTATOR.

Battle Of Ideas: by Barbara Wootton

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NOTHING has such an inhibiting effect upon Socialist programmes as fear of capitalist sabotage. We make our blueprints of the classless society and master our supporters—and then, just when we are thinking of getting down to the job, our hearts fail us.

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It is important to get this matter of capitalist sabotage into perspective. And it is important to estimate the nature just as much as the extent of the danger.

For there is very little doubt that the capitalist of to-day is quite a different species from the capitalist of yesterday. It is bad enough to be frightened by a real live lion facing us in the path here and now. But to be frightened into inaction by a lion that has long been dead and buried—that is real tragedy.

Let us, therefore, look for a moment at the capitalist as he was a century ago, when Queen Victoria first ascended the throne, and Karl Marx was preparing his thunders against the bourgeoisie. That Victorian capitalist was a recognisable person. As a rule, he did certain definite things. He owned a business, knew something about it, and more often than not took an active part in its management.

To-day, however, this type of capitalist is almost a museum piece. Instead, we have quite a different picture. In place of the Victorian "master" we have, on the

one hand, thousands of what are called rentiers—that is, people who draw interest and do nothing for it; and, on the other hand, the great captains of industry, the members of the 200 or 300 families as they are beginning to be called.

Now these modern-style capitalists have inherited the money and the prestige of their predecessors. But they are far from undertaking the same responsibilities.

When the modern investor catches a whiff of a risk, he runs to the Government and cries for a subsidy; and he usually gets it, sooner or later! The concrete evidence of the new situation may be found in the huge mass of securities now handled on the Stock Exchange, which entitle the holder to a fixed rate of interest, ranking as a first charge on the undertaking by which those securities are issued.

The rentier, in fact, is just a parasite. And what is more, the well-to-do modern parasites have lost even the Victorian tradition of perpetual saving. Mr. Collin Clark in his book on "National Income and Outlay," has produced some remarkable evidence indicating that the rich are now dissipating their capital faster than they are adding to it.

All this means that the modern rentier is in a much weaker position for resorting to effective sabotage than was the Victorian capitalist. For the first rule of sabotage is that it is a weapon which can only be used by people who are doing something that matters, or who occupy a key position in the economic structure of the community. (That, of course, is why it is such an effective weapon in the hands of the workers.) It is difficult for a modern rentier to be an effective saboteur,

because he is not doing anything which would be missed, if he left off doing it. And his property is not in a form in which he can harm anybody except himself by destroying it. He could not kill his securities, as many of the Russian peasants killed their cattle and sheep, to prevent them being collectivised.

But what about the two hundred families?

Admittedly these have a power which is more alarming. The 14 best-known directors of one of the big banks, we are told, hold between them 149 directorships.

After all, how much can a director of 40 companies know about any of them? In the nature of the case he cannot be more than a figure-head—and gentlemen do not, it must be remembered, usually reach this degree of eminence while they are still at the height of their powers.

The fact of the matter is that the really effective work of industry, including the work of management and investment, is more and more being carried on behind a sort of facade and that facade may be hollower than we think.

A Victorian business was only too likely to come unstuck, and its workers to lose their jobs, if something happened to the master. But money, even of our greatest modern enterprises, must have reached the position in which the retirement of all the directors and the transfer of all the capital to a public authority would make precious little dislocation.

It will be said that I have shown only one side of the picture. Perhaps. But in these days there is no fear that obstacles will be overlooked. And I, for one, am thoroughly tired of the prevailing mood of helplessness despair.

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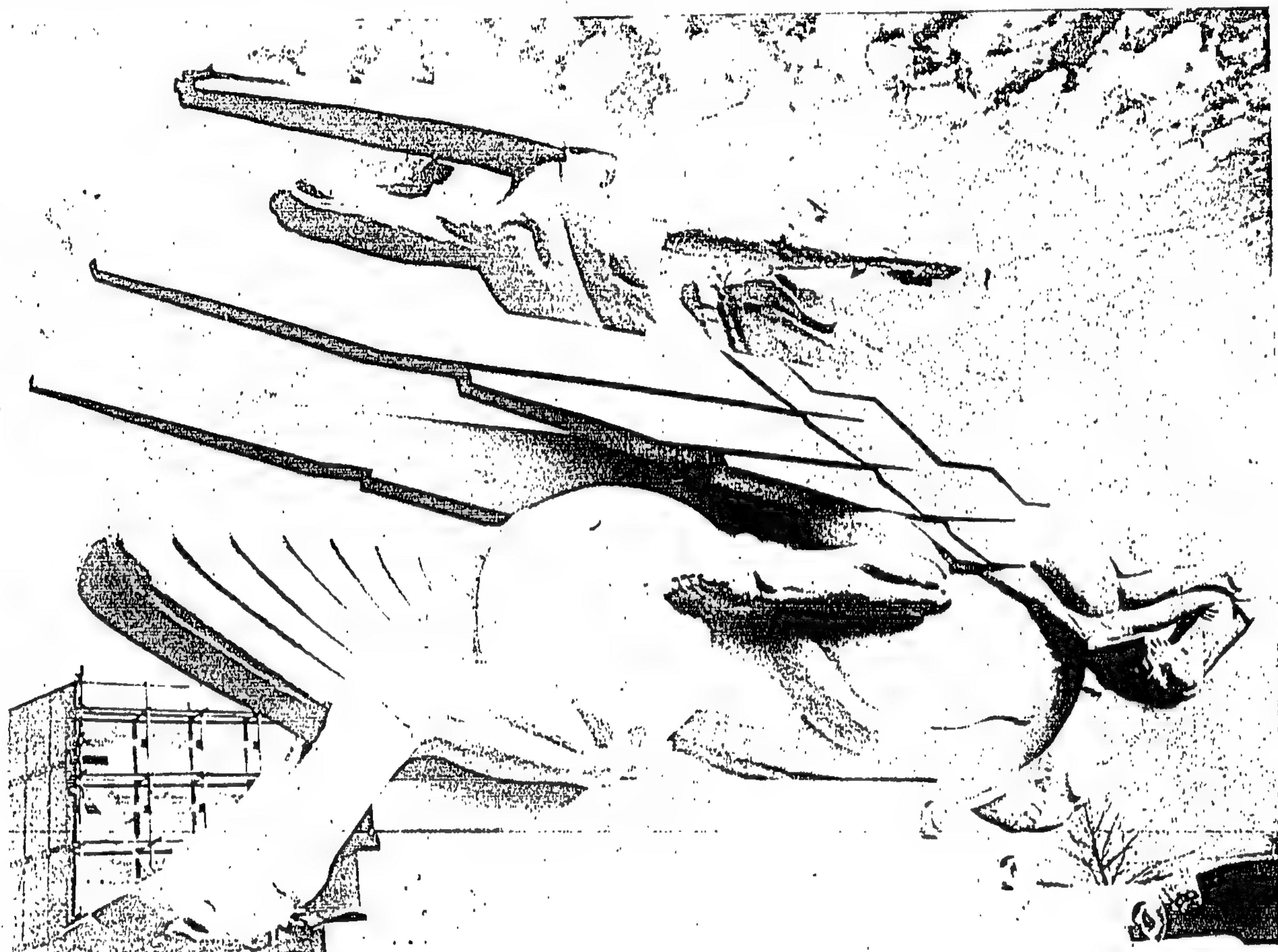


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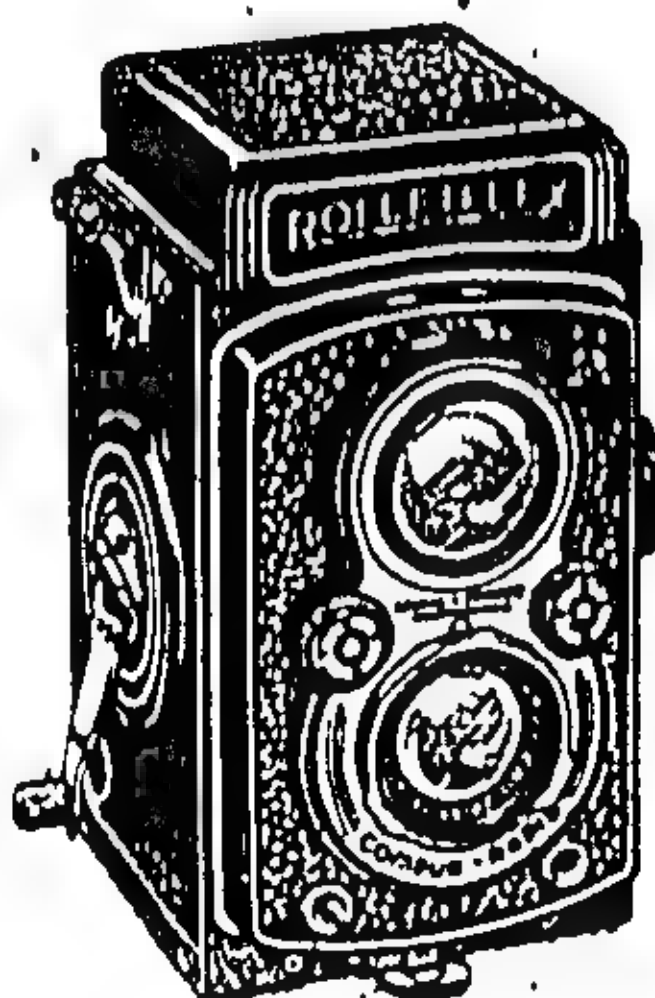
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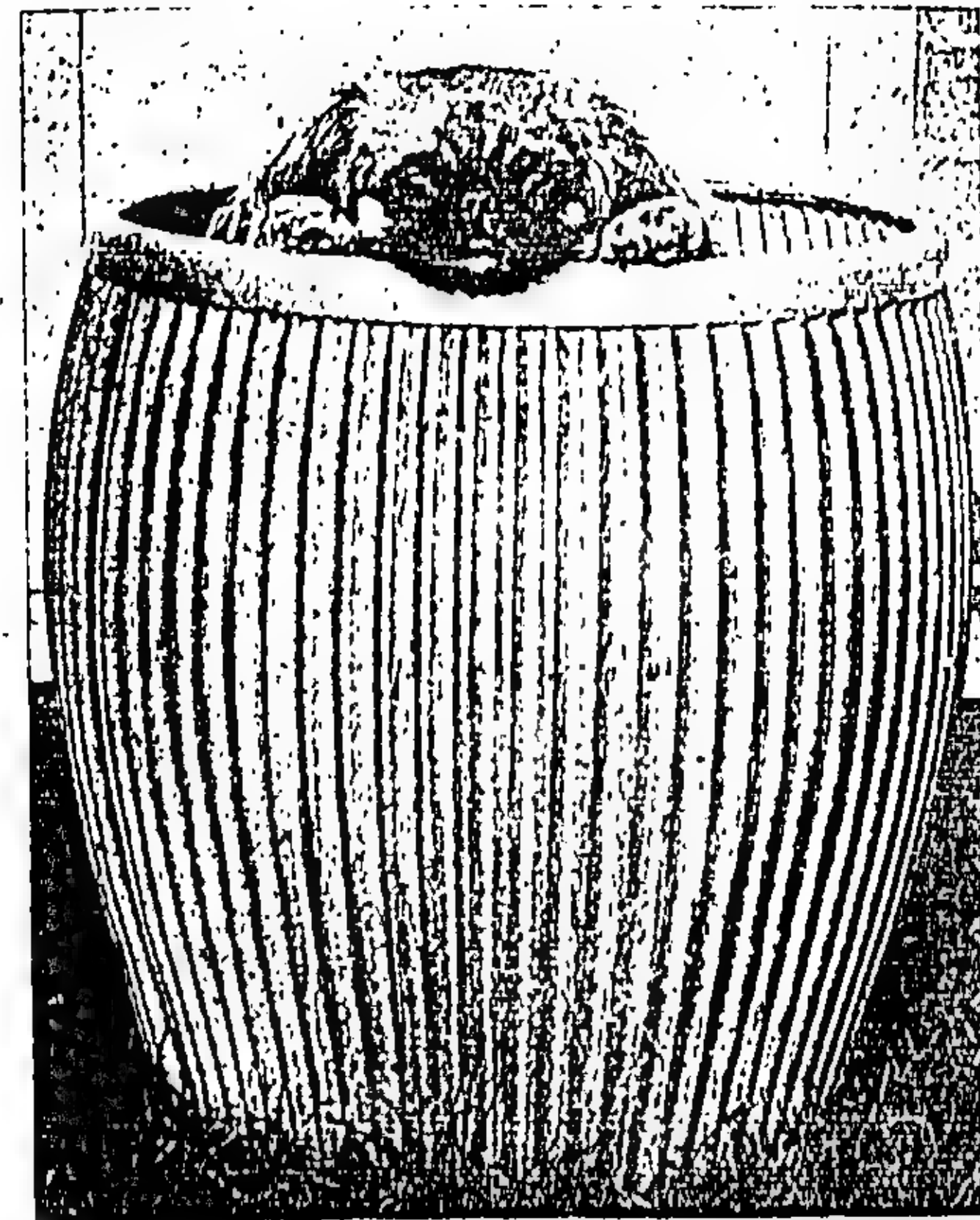
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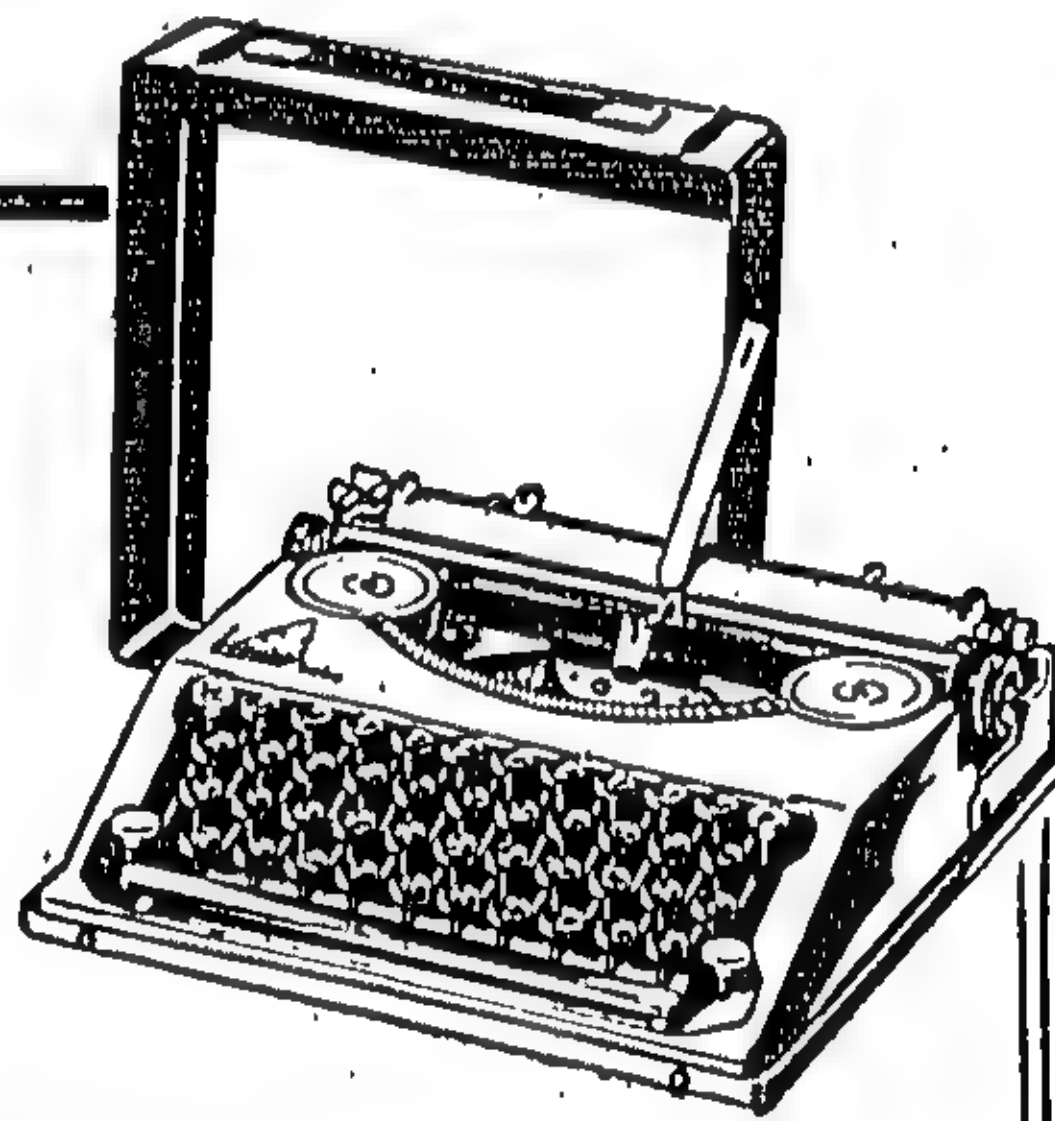
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Maisie Alberta, 17 year old blonde, with a talent for dancing and singing, has so far played nothing but animal roles. In a recent pantomime presented at the King's Theatre, Hammersmith, she appeared as a frog, a dog, the back legs of a horse, and the hind legs of a bull. She is seen here with her mother, and both are getting set to play the bull. (Copyright, Fox).

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The Week's Photography

NEXT MONTH'S
SUBJECT
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On going back to October when I took over the job of compiling these weekly photographic notes, I find that, almost without exception, the prizewinning picture of the month was to be found among the last batch of entries received. Just why this should be I have no idea, but the phenomenon would appear to have much in common with the biblical statement that the first shall be last, and the last, first. At any rate this was the case during October, November and January, and now February must be added to the list.

In the opinion of the judges the best of the February entries was that submitted by Mr. E. W. Fielding, whose "Line Out" was published in last week's issue. The February contest created something of a record as I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who sent in pictures at the same time adding that the entries sent in by Messrs. C. S. Chung, K. F. Yau, J. S. C. Cheung and Y. L.

have produced an improvement, but from what I can see from the print an inch or so from the left would do no harm.

Trimming of the foreground to the extent of an inch and a half would also have improved Mr. Baker's "Oriental Sunset." The unusual shadow thrown up into the sky is here the main centre of interest, and in my opinion it would have been advantageous to have included more of the sky and less of the foreground on that account.



"Age" by Lan Kwai Fun.

Chack, among many others, are worthy of special mention.

Evidently, choice of subject is rather popular, for the entries already received this month are both large in number and good in quality, and the four selected for publication this week are fairly representative of the general standard.

Of the two landscapes, that submitted by Mr. C. L. Salter is the better. I think, however, it would have been a decided improvement to have taken this picture from a different viewpoint. It is possible, of course, that this could not have been done, owing to the height at which it was taken. Many a time, under similar circumstances, I have wished that there was a convenient stepping stone somewhere from which vantage point it would have been possible to take a subject within a frame and yet not have the frame intruding, as it were, on the main centre of interest. Without having the negative in front of me it is difficult to say just what amount of trimming would



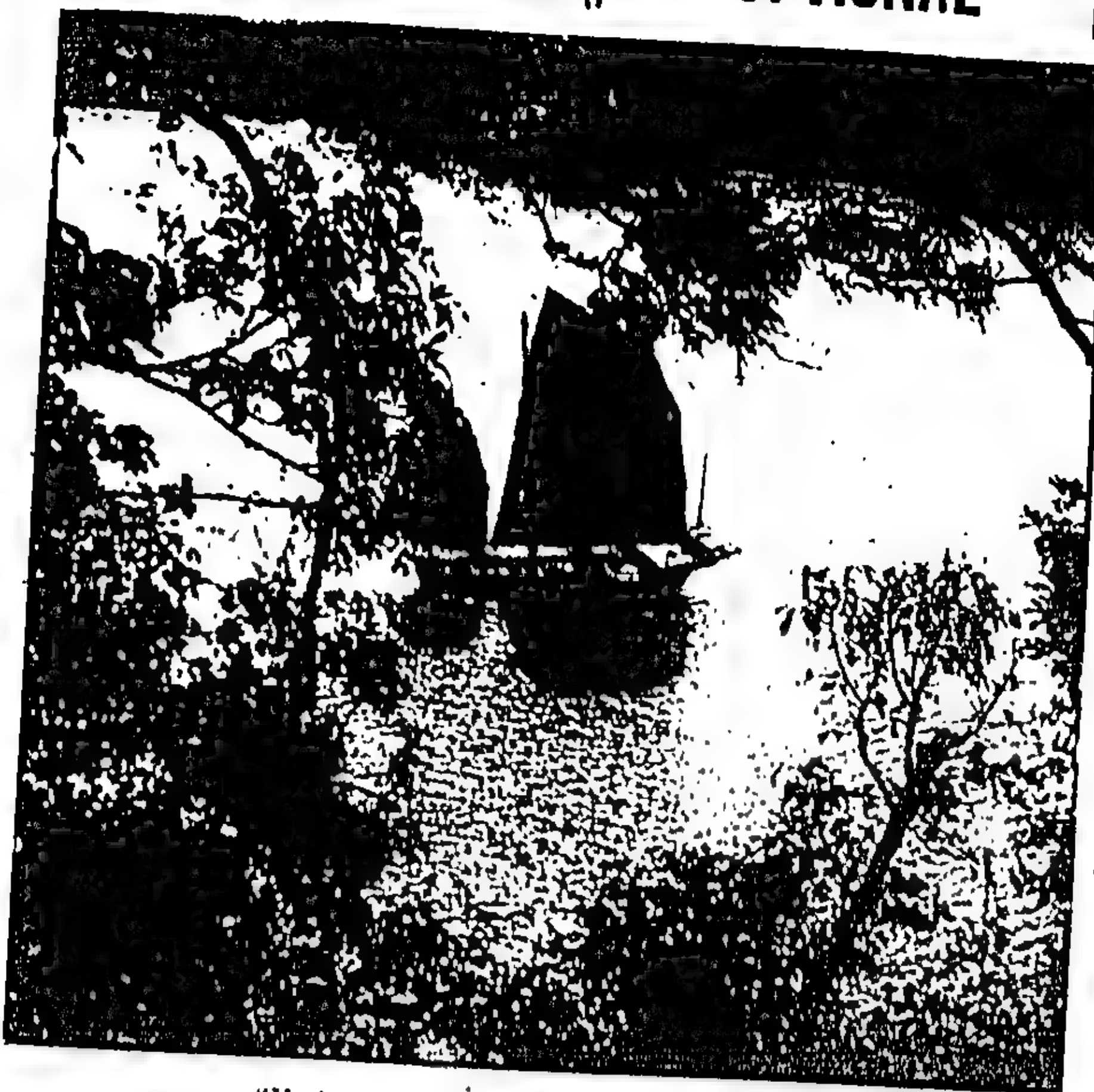
"Flower" by Lo Ka-ki.

The subject of Mr. L. K. Ki's "Flower" is quite attractively rendered, and I like the way in which the detail of the background and the repetition in shadow form of the main centre of interest has been reproduced. At the same time, however, I think I would have had one or both of two things when confront-

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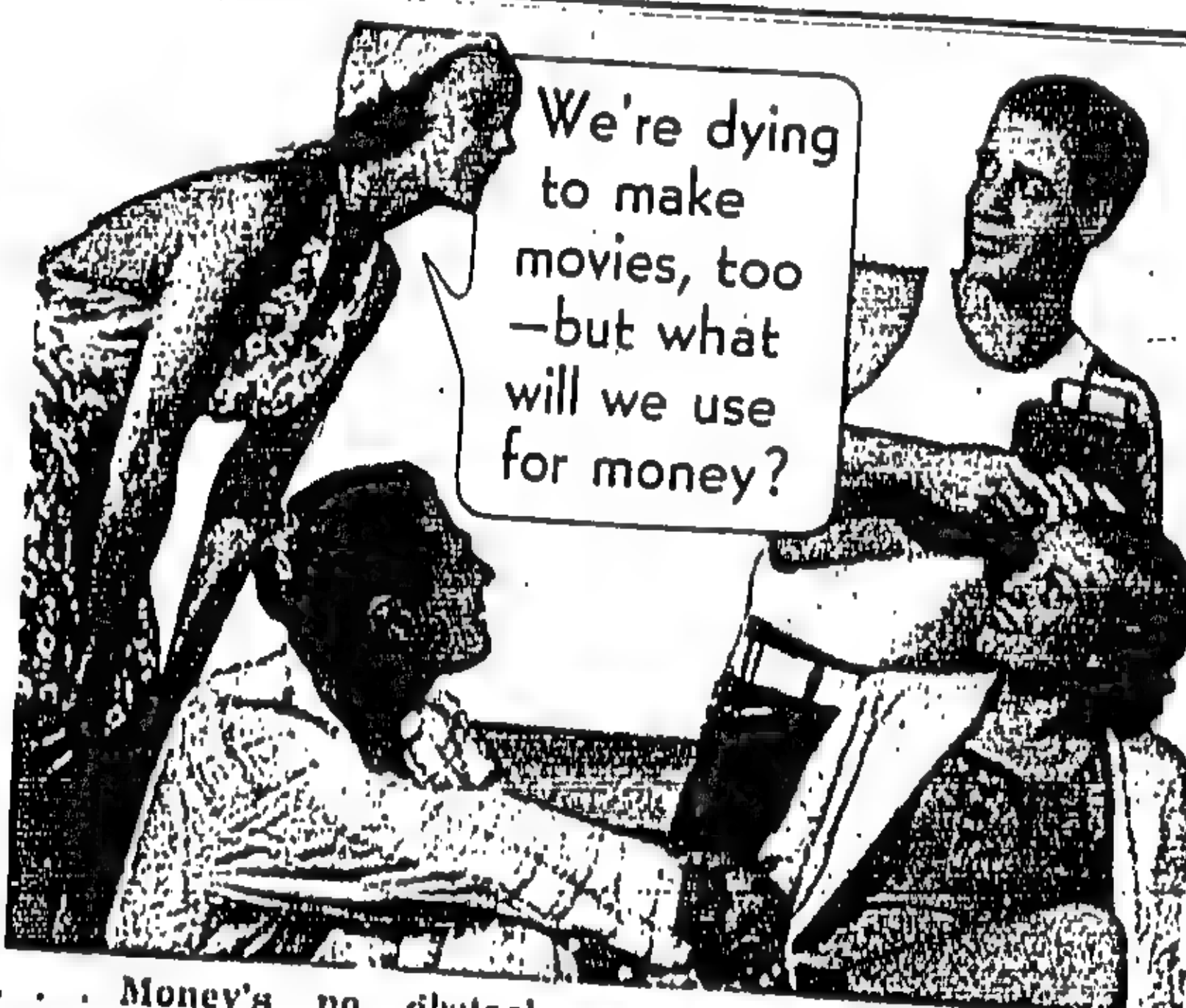
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"Under the Midday Sun" by C. L. Salter.

for doubtless to have included the two would have introduced another style of background. Nevertheless there is much merit in this study. An effort in portraiture appears for the first time on these pages in Mr. L. K. Fun's "Age," and quite a satisfactory study it is.

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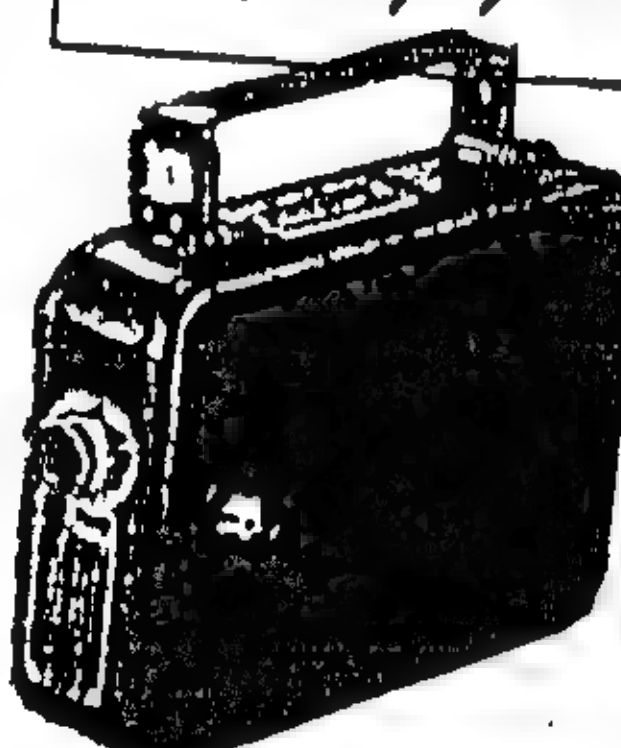
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Women Should Strip

An Understatement on Overdressing



Millinery this Spring has been greatly influenced by the modes worn in grandmother's day—when King Edward VII ruled the land, and hats like this one were the height of fashion. The elaborate use of veiling is the central interest in this model, and the single red rose matches in shade the chenille dotting of the veil. (Copyright, Fox).

BY stripping, I refer to the stripping of all unnecessary accessories worn by the average woman. Every day I grow more and more annoyed by women's dress. Each day I wish that some miracle could give me the power to strip half of the artificial flowers, the cheap jewellery, the extra scarfs from women, and prove to them that simplicity is the keynote of all smartness.

The Greeks had a word for it! And the Greek women had something else. They had the knowledge that simplicity in dress made for grandeur and enchantment. Greece reached the zenith of beauty in both architecture and dress by a severe plainness. Yet through all of the ages the rattling beads, bangles and elephants' teeth have adorned the necks and arms of the darkest primitives throughout the uncivilised world.

What is wrong with the average woman that she cannot be taught these fundamentals?

Since birth I have been associated with women high in the social life of great cities over the world—Paris, Rome, Monte Carlo, London, New York. And these women? The smartly outstanding ones are stripped to the foundation of severity. Their costume only a frame for their personality.

A woman's costume should be a frame for herself. A frame for her face, her hands, her personality. For weeks, artists work over the type of frame which will best bring out the high points in a picture. So that people will SEE THE PICTURE — and NOT THE FRAME. The days of Victorian gilt frames and pressed flowers in glass boxes are over. It is no longer the vogue to smother loveliness by its setting. And the woman who has a classic line to her face—or a look of loneliness, or even suffering—has the opportunity by her dress frame to make this personality an ethereal one, with the power of attraction for men—or to make these same features old and hard by the donning of a bright gold collar next to her face.

"Get that Staccato Look" says a current ad in a smart women's magazine. To be sure, a crisp staccato look is essential. But a woman cannot achieve it by looking like a lettuce salad weighed down by half a can of dressing. If you doubt the veracity of my judgment, the next time you are ready to go out, stand before your mirror, and remove every extra essential to your costume. See the effect? Suddenly you may see yourself—and discover a charm that has been smothered.

Artificial flowers? Do not misunderstand me. There is a place for costume jewellery, and for flowers. Both, if worn correctly, can achieve a startling, dramatic effect. But do not make the mistake of wearing both. A gold cross hanging from a frilly collared neckline can never be associated with a bunch of cotton backed flowers suspended near it. Yet I can point out this sin of dressing to you in five out of every ten women.

The other day I stopped at a jewellery counter in a department store. Within an hour four women, all different types, purchased exact duplicates of a pair of bracelets. A tall willowy blonde, with too long finger nails and thin

wrists, was enchanted over her purchase of these huge gold bands encrusted with coloured stones; a middle weight brunette, evidently a typist, nails too short and a bit unkempt, watched them glitter on her wrists, and failed to note that they brought out all defects in her hands by their glaring gaudiness; a tall raw-boned woman, with classic features and spatulate like fingers and large wrists, purchased the bracelets with precise feeling that they were for her; and at length, one of those tubby—I should say fat—short matrons of about 63 years, a large veil covering four chins, gushed her enthusiasm over the glitter as the sales girl clasped them on over her pudgy, characterless hands.

"But it's the modern fad to dress mid-Victorian, with lots of ornamentation and high hair," will be the protest.

Granted. Yet—I insist you should strip. For only two percent of you can wear your hair high with a bunch of flowers on top of your head, and NOT add a necklace. Or with wide jewelled neckpiece — WHY MUST you insist on adding that extra bunch of flowers in your hair? Or extra flowers and jewels on draped dresses. Drapes are sufficient ornamentation in themselves with, perhaps, the addition of jewelled bracelets and earrings. Even with the Victorian trend, you must maintain at least a TOUCH of modernism.

The average woman misses coherency in her dress. She is attempting to wear horse and buggy clothes with streamline motor cars. And, God help us! she still insists on wearing the same jewels and headdress which are in accordance with her long evening clothes — with what? Short Sport Dresses.

More crimes are committed in the shape of so-called afternoon dresses than any other frocks. An evening gown has license to carry ornamentation, and by some lucky break, many women in sports clothes are too hurried to open their vanity dresser drawer and add all of the jewels and flowers there. But when it comes to the afternoon dress—the skies break loose, and a drenching downpour of clips, bracelets, necklaces, flowers, scarfs and gold collars flood the body.

Romantic? How? The male escort is befuddled with all the glitter. After he has made a mental inventory of all the 'bric-a-brac, his emotions are left as befuddled and weary as the department store's bookkeeper over a hard day of figures. And the result is that he never did see the woman beneath the spangles. Perhaps she had a kissable neck, but it was covered with necklaces; perhaps her wrists were as lovely and artistic as the Lady of Shalott's, yet his gaze never got past the wrist bands. As he started to tell her that her ears were lovely with her hair so high and feminine, his remark was sidetracked to the chandeliers weaving from the lobes.

And she missed a glamorous, romantic evening because she had never learned the value of stripping.

And the acid test for this buying of any accessories is always this—"Will it be in good taste five years from now?"



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Your Job And Your Emotions

If you ask big business executives and employment experts why so few women win to the top in business, the answer you most often get is that "women are too personal. They don't seem to be able to subordinate their own personalities, their personal feelings and their personal likes and dislikes to the necessities of the job."

We have to admit that there is something in this.

We have been brought up in the tradition that our chief job is to attract—to arouse a personal response. We have been taught to specialise in personal relationships—to feature our feelings and emotions.

And this is quite all right—outside the office. There is nothing about a business career to prevent us from having our intense personal relationships or from cultivating and giving expression to our personal feelings and emotions. But when we are in the office, we have to take exactly the opposite line.

Personal feelings, personal entanglements—these are the things that make personnel managers turn grey. Over and over they wearily point out that a busy—and in these times, probably harassed—executive does not want to give his personal attention to the individuals with whom he works. Since he has to have them under his eyes six or seven hours out of every working day he prefers that they should be easy to look at. And since their appearance reflects credit or discredit upon his organisation, he wants them to be smoothly turned out-up-to-date, smart and well-groomed.

But he wants them to discharge their office functions with the same unobtrusive efficiency, without expecting anything more of him in the way of a response than formal and impersonal courtesy.

Great stress is placed upon the importance of "personality" to business success. And personality is important—vitally important, when it is correctly understood. The trouble is that so often it is not correctly understood. Girls especially are all too likely to think that personality means unbridled individuality running riot all over the place. And this is just exactly what it is not. In business, personality means control—and above all the ability to keep those aspects of your personality that have no relation to your work strictly hidden away during office hours.

If it was ever true—and it probably never was except in the most limited way—that a girl can "get by" in a modern office on charm, that time ended when the depression set every organisation checking up on overhead. A girl holds her job and gets ahead in the exact relation to her ability to make a fair return in efficient work for what she is paid.

A "good morning" that is just a bit too cordial, a smile that is a shade too radiant, a tone that is a little too warm may prove a somewhat irritating distraction to a man who is trying to concentrate on the problem of how to show profit on a business whose profits are gone.

A wistful and drooping melancholy can hardly be anything but an annoyance to a man who has troubles of his own, and whose only

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Emotion—any kind of emotion—is altogether out of place.

legitimate interest in you is that you should turn out his letters quickly and accurately.

Glad, sad, or mad, office etiquette requires that you should always wear in the office a look of cheerful, good-humoured, impersonal composure and reserve. Emotion—any kind of emotion—is altogether out of place.

Displays of strong feeling are in questionable taste anywhere in public, as any book of etiquette will tell you. In the office sulks, dumps, rages and tears—and likewise moods of riotous exuberance—are set down as distinctly bad form.

There is no use telling you not to feel the pangs of jealous rage, when you are passed over for promotion in favour of somebody else who, you feel, is no more entitled to advancement than you are. That would be asking you to be more than human. But you don't need always to show what you feel. An open display of resentment only calls attention to the fact that the front office does not rate you quite so high as you do yourself. And this makes you slightly ridiculous. If you feel yourself in a strong enough position and have a good enough case to make an issue of the matter, wait until you can trust yourself to discuss it calmly, and then take it up in your very best business manner with the proper authority in your department.

If you are one of those oversensitive people, don't, as you value your job, admit to any such failing about the office. Oversensitiveness in an employee is rated as a liability and not an asset.

Be slow to take offence. Mostly no offence is meant. People do and say tactless things without thinking. Or they are short with you because they are busy or preoccupied with their own affairs and cannot bring themselves, at the moment, to put their minds on yours. Take refuge in the Impersonal Point of View. Make allowances. Be tolerant. And patient. Most office difficulties are due to frazzled nerves running amuck. Keep your own nerves in order,

and too well bred to exhibit your feelings in public. If you have the right understanding of your relationship to your job and to your boss, you will always be able to stand up for yourself and for your rights without loss of dignity and poise.

"The trouble with too many women," said a personnel director "is that they make love affairs of their jobs. I mean, they bring to their jobs the same intensely personal attitudes and emotions that belong properly only to intense personal relationships. A cut-down from the boss upsets these women in the same personally emotional way as a broken engagement or praise is taken as a sign of personal favour. The smiles of the boss excite as much jealousy as the coveted attentions of a best beau. More energy is directed towards making a hit with certain especially liked superiors than towards doing a really good job. What these women need is to learn to keep personal attitudes, and emotions in their place—and wherever that is, it isn't the office."

Put your emotions to work for you on your job—yes. But see to it that you keep them strictly to impersonal matters and express them in a strictly impersonal way. Detach them gently but firmly from persons and direct them toward achievements.

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arrow-pierced hearts. Anna was told that even as she read the president's letter thousands of eligible husbands were pondering over her qualifications for wife-hood. He suggested that she would have a dozen of them at her feet in a jiffy if she would send out a photograph of herself—as pretty a one as possible. Of course, he added, pictures are expensive, but the club had special facilities for reproducing the likenesses of its members at low rates. In Anna's case the price would be only ten dollars a dozen.

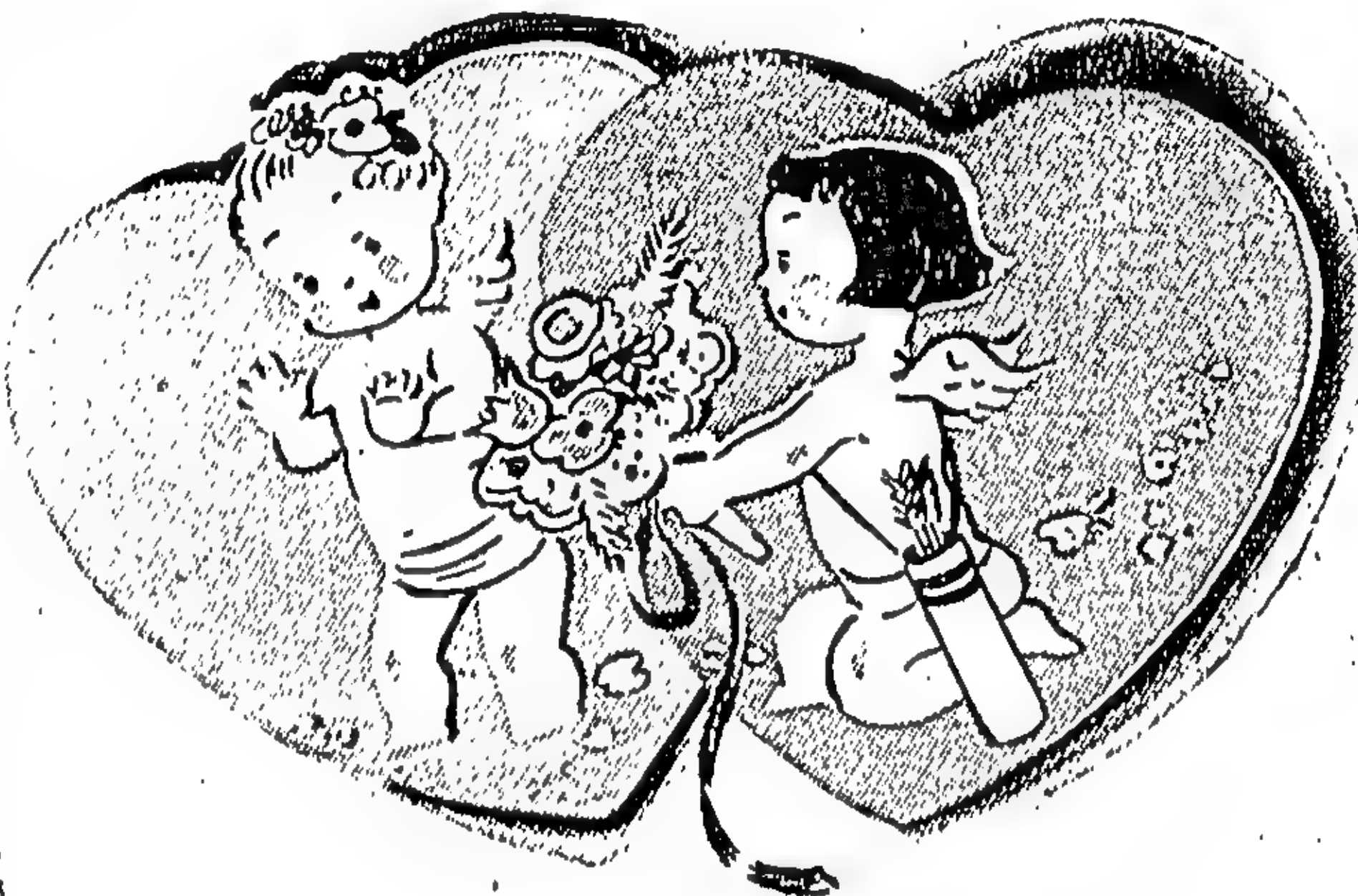
Anna had no portrait of herself so she sent in a fly-specked cabinet photograph of Mary Pickford. Someone had given it to her long ago. And with the photograph went

twenty of Anna's hard-earned dollars for two dozen prints—cost to make \$1.20. If the C.C.C. racketeers recognised the Pickford portrait, they made no demur. Anna did not wish to deceive anyone. She wanted a husband, wanted him soon. She got one before the club had mailed the first dozen prints to the batch of names Anna had selected.

The favoured man wrote that he was a mining engineer about to leave for Mexico where he had holdings in a big ore mine. He had plenty of money. Would she consider a rough out-o'-doors man for a husband? He sent a photo of himself. It looked suspiciously like Rex Beach. He signed himself John Stern. Would Anna meet him in Albany, marry him there, and go to his winter camp in the Adirondacks for their honeymoon? It would be wise to bring her savings with her since they might have to leave for Mexico at a moment's notice.

Anna drew her five thousand dollars from the bank, threw up her job, and took the first train for New York's capital city. Nothing was heard of her until six months later, when her work-worn body—what was left of it—was discovered by a trapper in the North woods. Her "husband," a fellow "club" member, never was found.

With that ironic twist of fate which so often translates the impossible into reality, it is doubtless a fact that some trusting souls have been brought together through the calculating mechanism of a correspondence club to "live happily ever after." But it would be interesting to learn what a group of determined representatives from the Department of Justice might uncover should they probe into this matrimonial agency business gone literary—for profit.



course you are informed that you are enrolled among those who "need no longer go unhappy, unloved and unappreciated."

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Nothing now remains but to relieve the postman every morning of the bundle of letters addressed to you. The club managers see that you are not disappointed in the bulk of your mail, however critical you may be of its character.

Sometimes the result of joining one of these clubs is stark tragedy, as witness the case of Anna Oehlsen, Bronx maid-of-all-work. Anna had toiled long hours and hard fourteen years in the same family. Her needs were few. She had banked most of her wages. She could read and write—painfully. Her big hands and feet betrayed her peasant origin. An occasional screen romance stirred her emotional nature to its depths. No longer young, she still craved love, a man's companionship, a home of her own. Her eye fell on an ad of the Cupid's Counsellor Club.

Anna's scrawl brought her a mimeographed letter whose contents intrigued her thoughts for a week. Nervous herself, she filled out the questionnaire demanding her height, weight, colouring, the type of husband she desired, and amount of money she possessed. Anna told all and enclosed a crisp, new five dollar bill.

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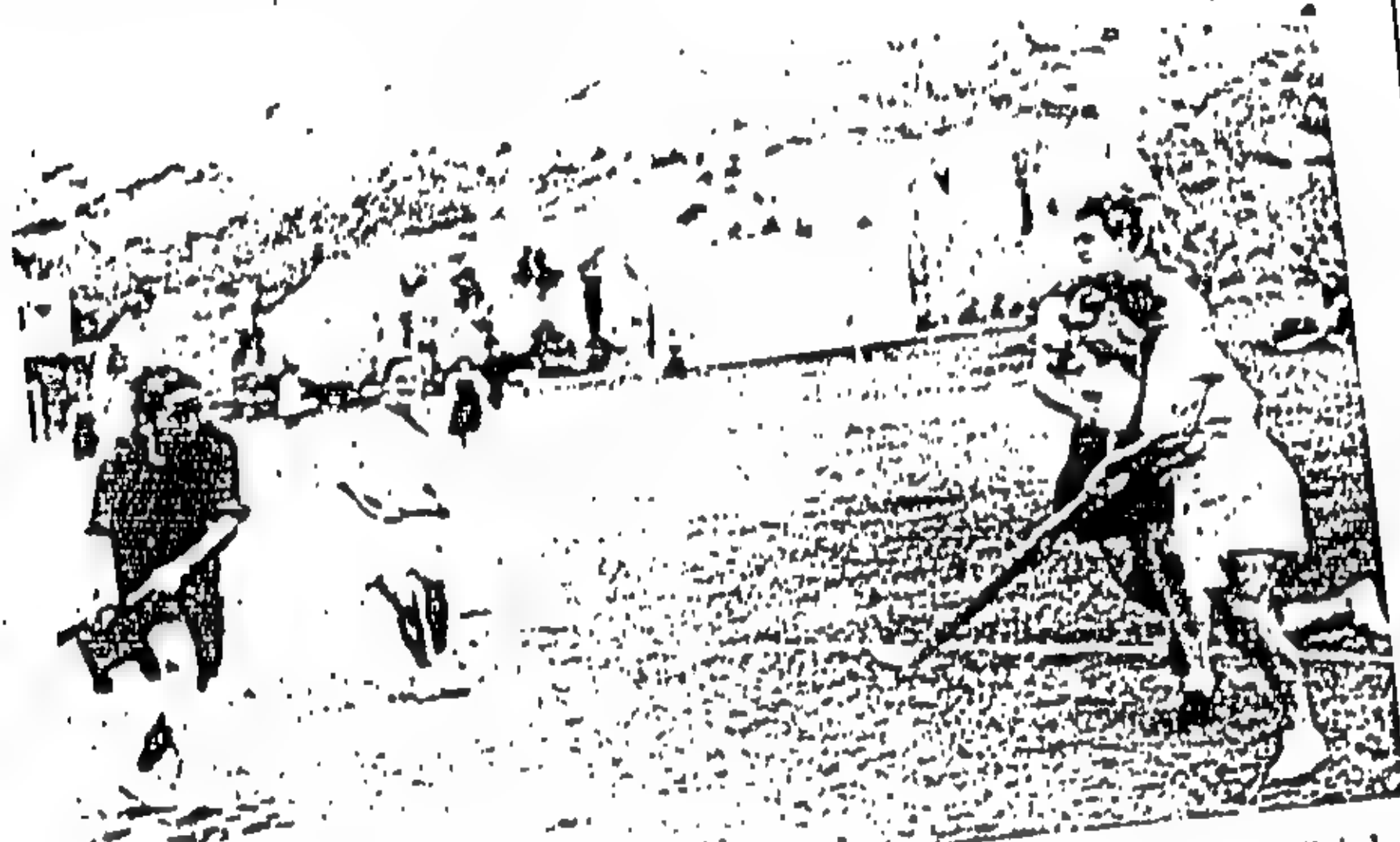
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Another scene in last Sunday's Ladies' Interport Hockey Trial. In this photograph Mrs. Stone is just about to relieve pressure from a Colours attack, with Miss Doris Hunt attempting to cut in from the left wing. Miss D. Moss and Mrs. Dalziel are in support.



Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Anderson photographed at the entrance to Union Church, following their marriage on March 1. Mr. Anderson is with the Taikee Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., and Mrs. Anderson is the former Alison May Hedgcock. (Bann's Studio).



Mrs. S. K. Wong, M.B.E., secretary-treasurer of the Chinese Ladies' Sewing Class Relief Fund, and secretary of the Poh Leung Fuk, Singapore, photographed with her son Wyman Wong. Mrs. Wong is a visitor to the Colony for health reasons. (Bann's Studio).

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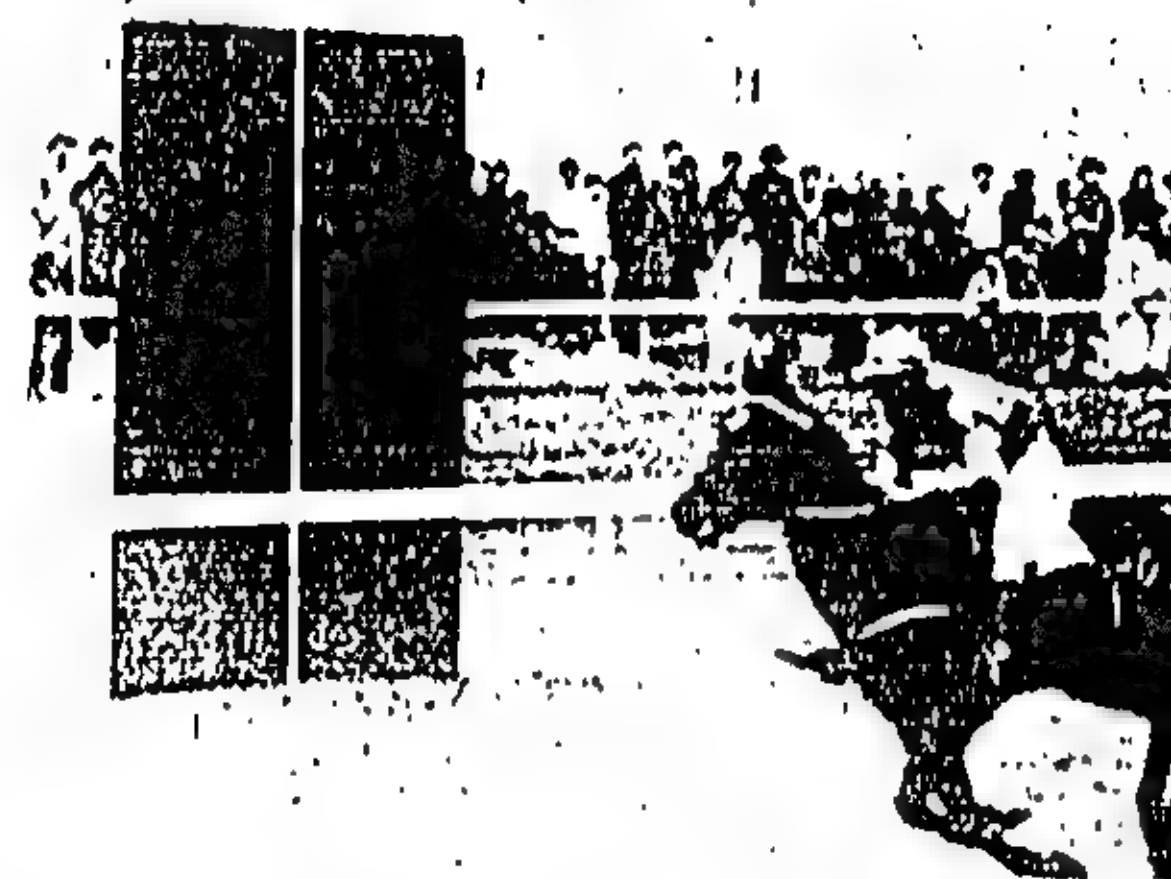
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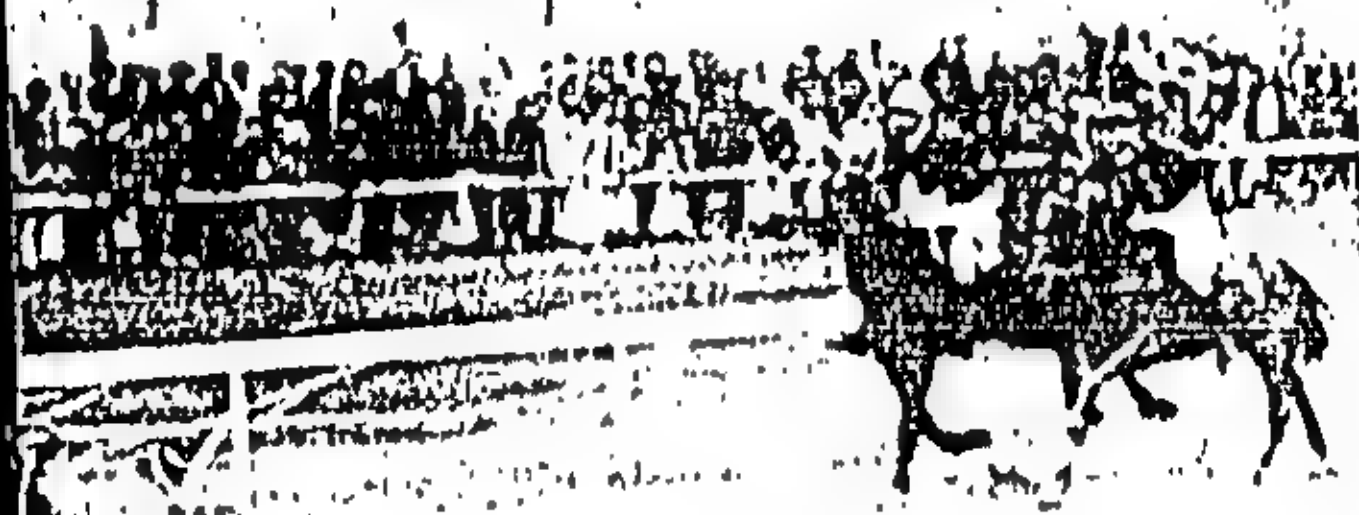


Something must account for those smiles. Perhaps Miss Tong Sin To, the well-known Chinese film actress, and Mr. Ward struck gold last Saturday.

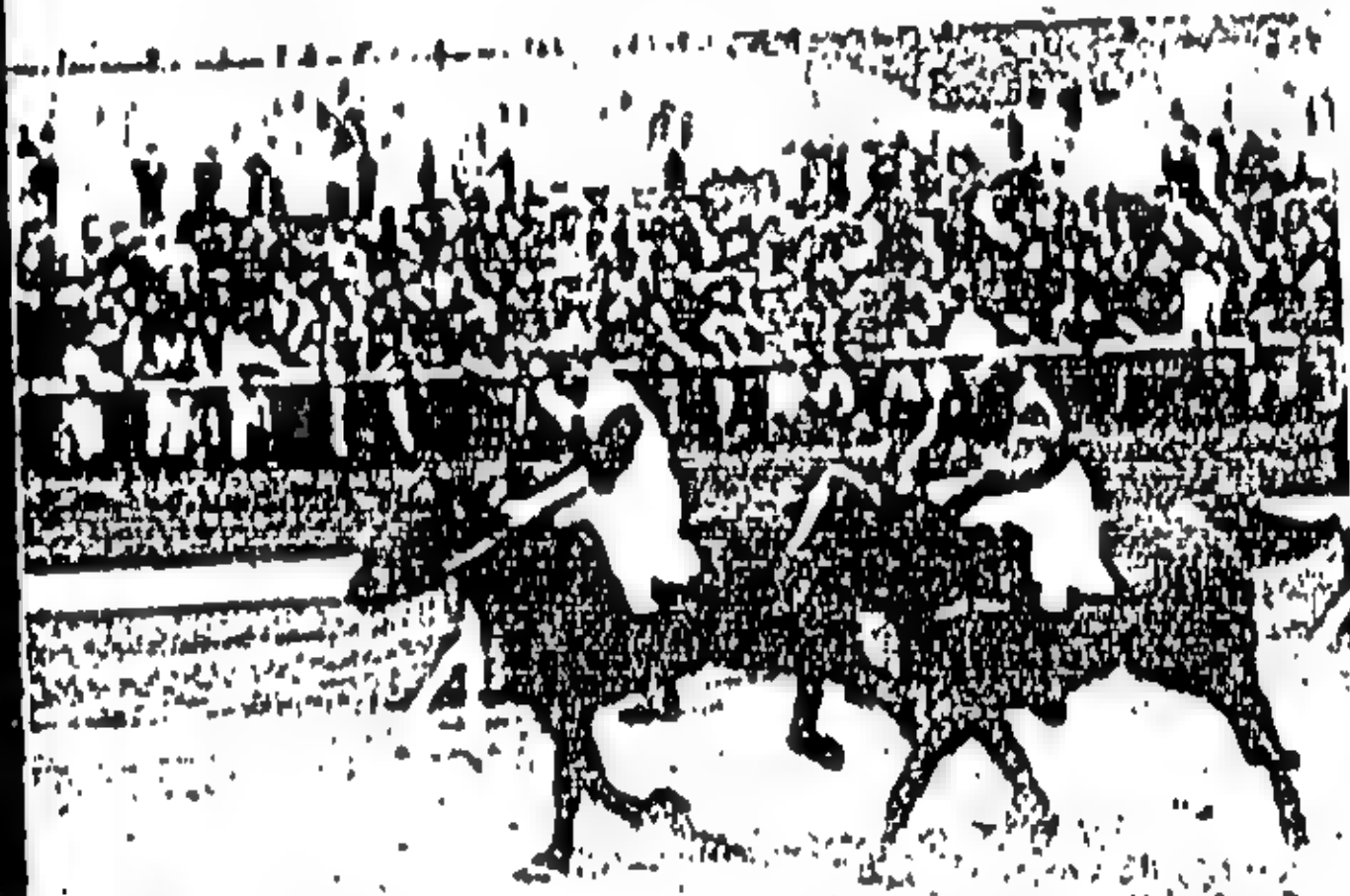


More racegoers, and more brilliant extreme right at top, and in the foreground, Mrs. Od

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al Cup and Subscription Grifflins' Champions.



arge crowd, including many children. The youngsters
as they are seen doing here.



smiles. Mrs. Mason is seen to the
om photograph are Lady MacGre-
and her two sons.



Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Rose Jane (C. Encarnacao), being led in by
Mrs. Eu Tong-sen, after winning the Phaeton Handicap from L.
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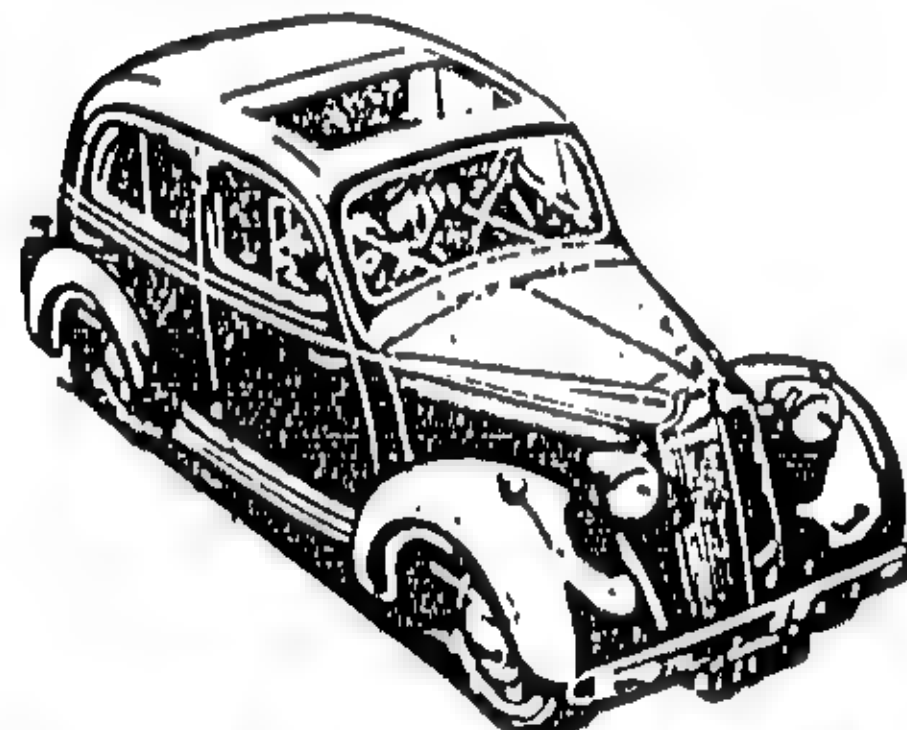
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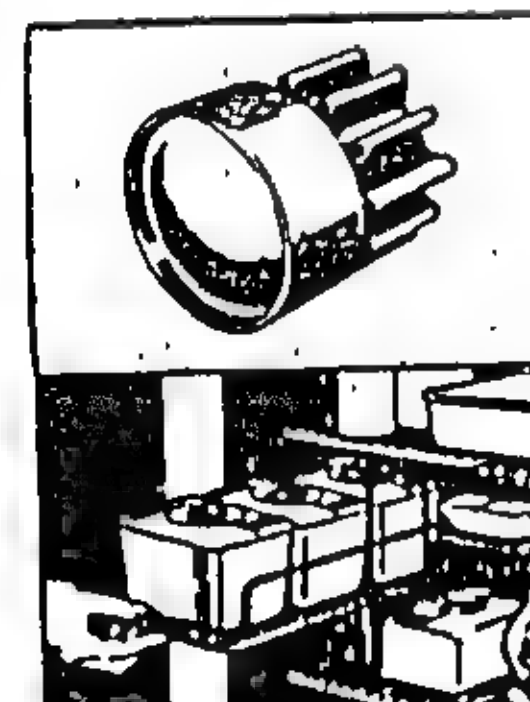
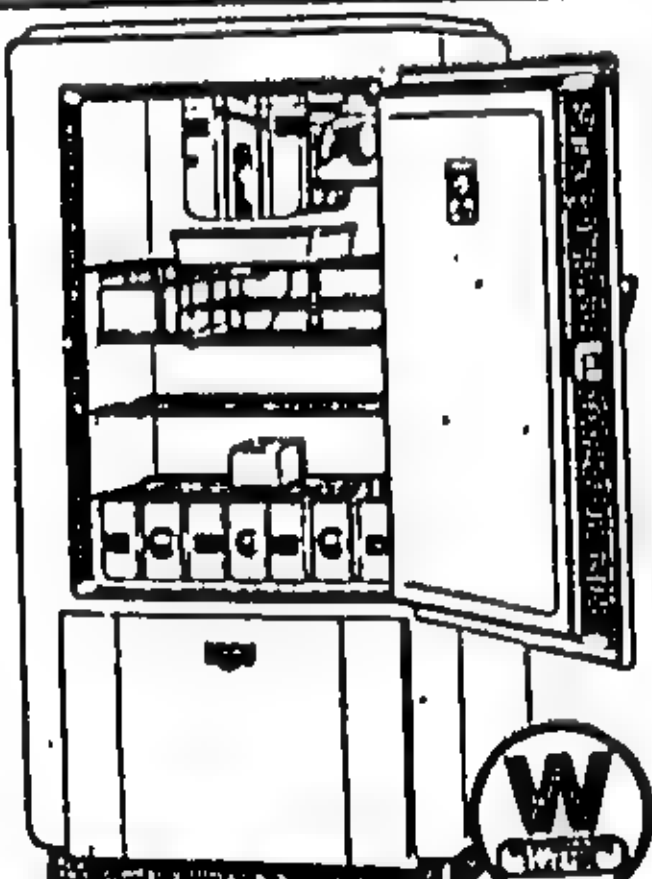


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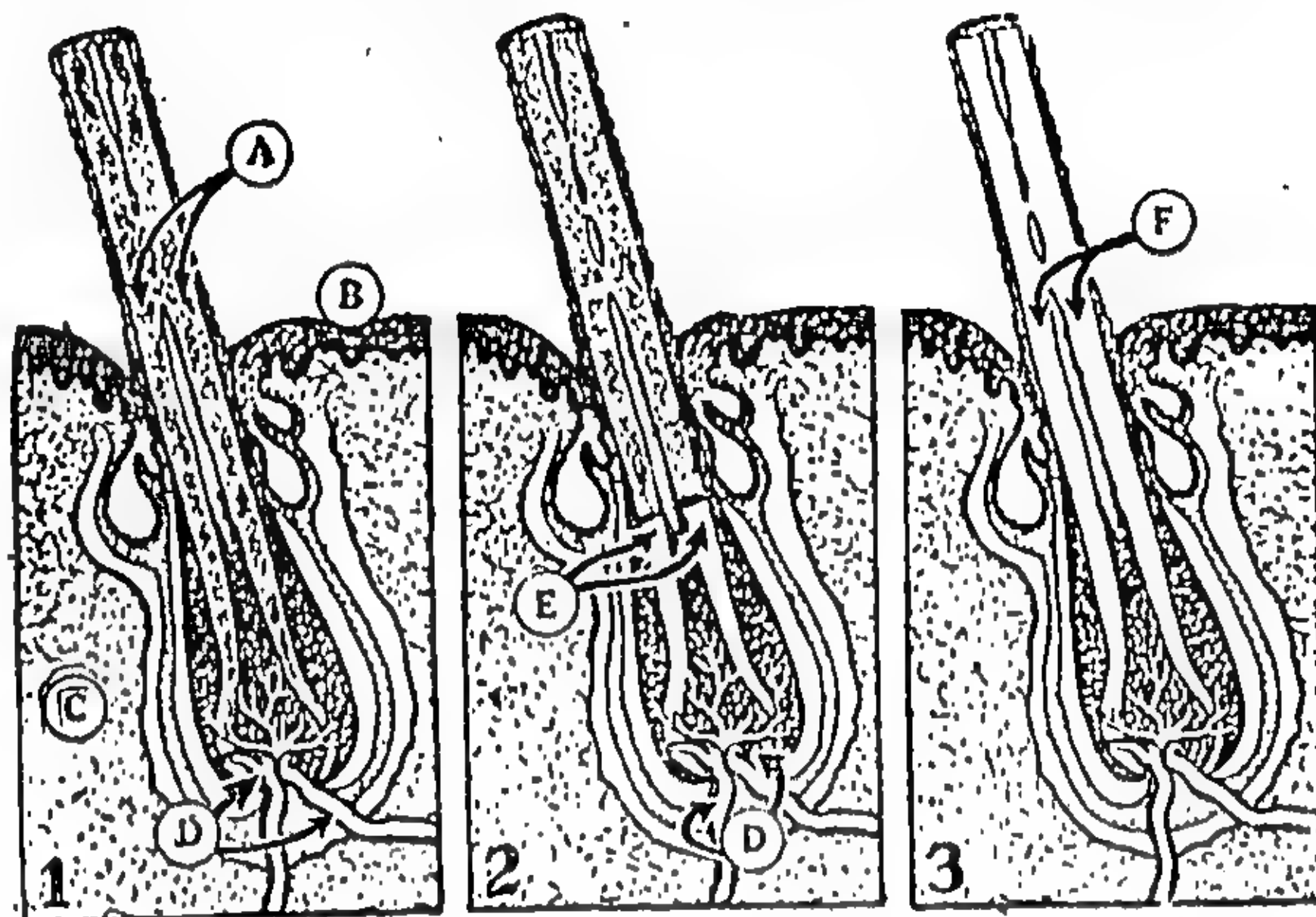
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Those who dread grey hair may be relieved to know that the addition of a certain vitamin to diet has been found to turn grey hair to glossy black—in rats. But experiments with rats have often resulted in considerable benefits for humanity.



1. A healthy strand of human hair, fully pigmented. The colour granules are indicated by the arrows (A). (B) shows the scalp surface, (C) the tissue round the root, and (D) the blood supply for colour manufacture.

2. When the blood supply does not provide the "proper elements," the tiny laboratory (D) that manufactures colour shuts down, and the hair grows transparent, as indicated by the section from the root to the line indicated by (B).

3. Continued growth protrudes the colourless hair beyond its scalp surface, and what is left of the pigmented section is either clipped away or eventually vanishes. The strand of hair indicated by (F) is now entirely grey.

This research worker is Dr. Agnes Fay Morgan, head of the Department of Household Science at the University of California.

The cure which she has found, which has worked out successfully on hundreds of little greying rats in her laboratory, is no magic potion or tonic, but a matter of diet.

Dr. Morgan and her associates have not yet isolated the exact material in the rats' diet that works the miracle nor determined its exact composition. It is known simply as "a Vitamin B-2 filtrate factor" and was discovered a few years ago by Doctors T. H. Jukes and F. Lepkovsky of the University's Division of Poultry Husbandry at Davis, California. They found it essential to the life and growth of chickens, and passed it on to Dr. Morgan for the experiments with rats.

In the early days of knowledge of vitamins it was supposed that there were only a few of them and they were labelled Vitamin A, Vitamin B and so on, after the letters of the alphabet. Presently research workers discovered that the material extracted from yeast and some other substances and labelled Vitamin B really is not one material but several.

One of these parts of what now is called the "Vitamin B complex" is the so-called "filtrate factor" discovered by Dr. Jukes and Dr. Lepkovsky through its effects on chicks and which Dr. Morgan has been testing in the grey and black-haired rats.

Dr. Morgan was primarily interested in observing the effect of the various B Vitamins or the lack of them in preventing or producing

cataracts on the eyes of the rats. She conducted her experiments on twenty-seven groups of rats, feeding them cane sugar, milk sugar or cornstarch to provide carbohydrate, cod-liver oil to provide Vitamin A, Vitamin B-1, and various combinations of the other B Vitamin factors.

The various diets produced markedly different results. Many of the rats sickened and died. Others, near death, were restored to health when the diets were changed. Cataracts appeared and disappeared. When rats fed on milk sugar took sick, additions of two of the B factors had little effect, but addition of the "filtrate factor" brought marked improvement. On the other hand, the situation was reversed in the case of cornstarch diet. This was puzzling and Dr. Morgan concentrated on the effects of this mystery filtrate factor.

She found that the hair of many of the rats which did not receive the filtrate factor shortly began to turn grey. Black rats turned markedly grey in regular patterns; grey rats turned greyer.

Of three black rats of the same litter fed with the basal cane sugar diet, one was given all of the B Vitamin factors and continued to have a glossy black coat all through the experiment. Another was given only the factors other than the filtrate factor for the first twelve weeks, and streaks of grey appeared. Then the filtrate factor was added to his diet. In eight weeks his fur was glossy black again.

The third rat was given other vitamin combinations but no filtrate factor for twenty weeks. His fur became increasingly grey and his ears and nose bled. He

was emaciated almost to the point of death. Then the filtrate factor was administered in double dose for four weeks. The rat became healthy and normal and his glossy black coat returned.

In a group of forty young black rats deprived of the filtrate factor, nearly all showed marked greying of the fur within eight to twelve weeks, but rapidly resumed their normal colour when fed filtrate factor preparation from rice bran or from liver.

If the new Vitamin B filtrate factor that keeps Dr. Morgan's rats dark haired proves to work in the same way on human beings, this probably will be because of some effect of the vitamin factor on blood supply to the hair roots or on the chemistry of what goes on in the hair bulbs where the colour is manufactured. If this can be understood and the mysterious vitamin factor itself extracted in pure form or made synthetically, natural dark hair may be within the reach of everyone, at least for some years longer than happens now.



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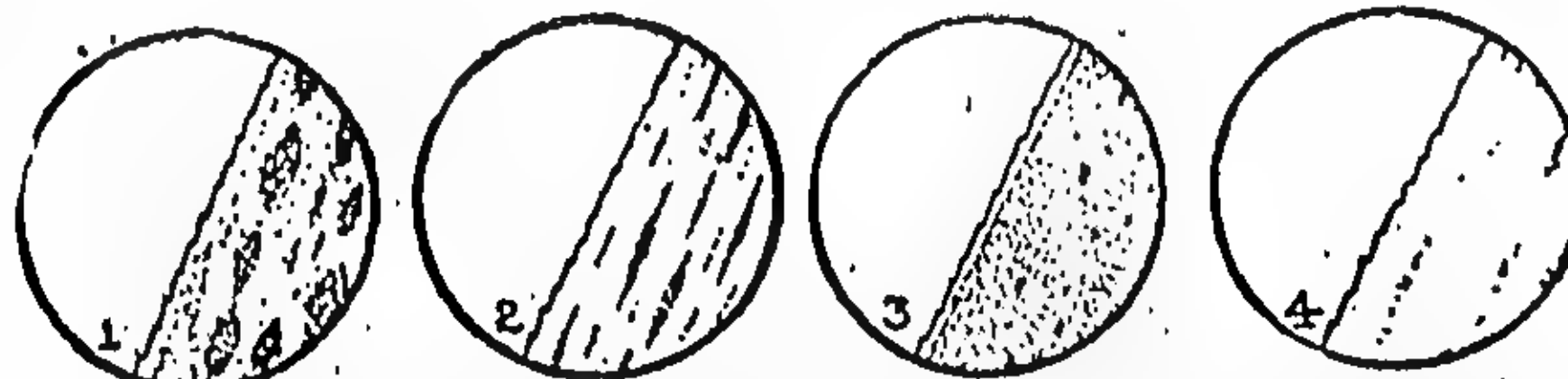
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These four diagrams show how the pigment granulation or design accounts for the type of hair. The examples chosen are hairs of (1) a South African Black, (2) a European Brunette, (3) a Red Head, and (4) a Blonde. Note the pigment scarcity in this last case.

Chess Notes

By B.S. LITVIN

English Opening In Colony's Chess Play

The following interesting and amusing game was played at the Kowloon Chess Club on Tuesday the 28th February, 1939.

ENGLISH OPENING

Game No. 7

B. S. Litvin B. D. Evans

White Black

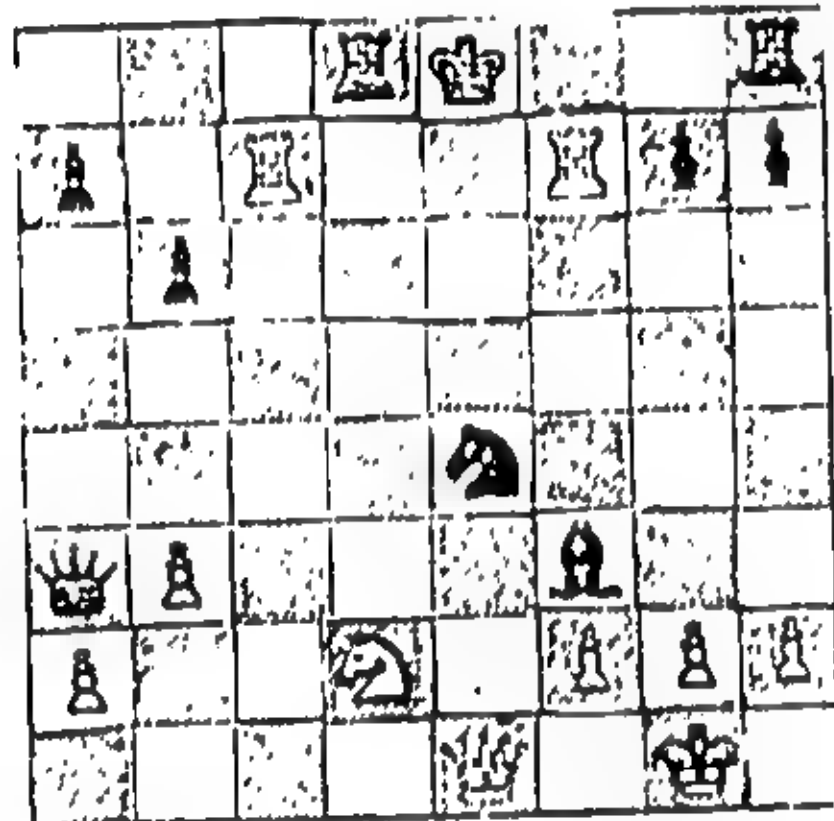
1. P-QB4 P-K4
2. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3
3. P-KK3 P-Q4
4. PxP KtxP
5. B-Kt2 P-QB3
6. P-K3 B-QKt5
7. Kt-K2 B-K3
8. P-QR3 B-QB4
9. P-QKt4 B-Kt3
10. B-Kt2 Kt-Q2
11. O-O O-O
12. P-B4 PxP
13. KtxP KtxKKt
14. R-Kt Kt-B3
15. Q-B2 Q-Q2 (??)
16. Kt-K4 (??) (a) KtxKt
17. BxKt P-KB4
18. B-Kt2 QR-Q1
19. QB-B3 Q-KB2
20. QR-KB1 (b) P-Kt4
21. R (B4)-B2 Q-Kt3
22. B-Kt2 R-B2
23. Q-B3 K-B1
24. Q-B2 (b) K-K2
25. P-QR4 (b) P-B5

26. QxQ PxQ
27. P-B5 PxKP
28. R-R ch. BxR
29. B-B6 ch. K-K
30. BxR P-K7 ch.
31. K-R

- (???) (c) P-R=Q ch.
32. BxQ BxB
33. resigns.
- (a) Correct was 16. R-Kt1!! P-R; 17. Kt-K4!!! with a winning attack.
- (b) K-R1 is best.
- (c) Alas—now is not the time to make this move. Correct was 31. PxB!!! P-R=Q ch. 32. BxQ PxP. 33. BxP and wins easily.

PROBLEM NO. 6

BLACK (10)



White (10)

White to play & mate in three.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 5

1. B-B7 P-B7
2. R-Q6 K-R7
3. R-KR6 mate.

The following game was played in the 1st round of the Colony's Chess Championship on Monday March 6th, 1939.

ENGLISH OPENING

Game No. 8

B. Litvin.

White Black

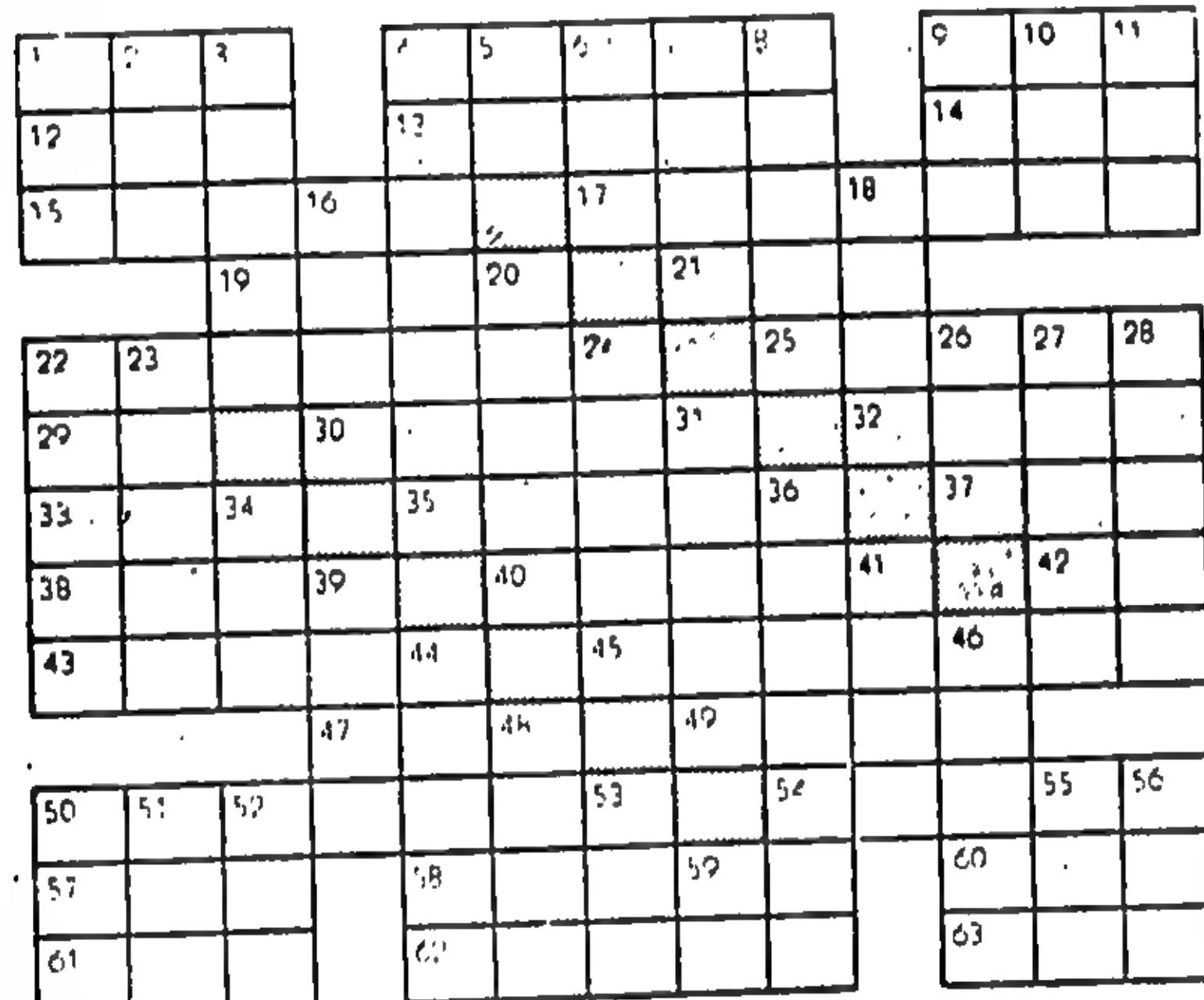
1. P-QB4 P-K4
2. Kt-QB3 B-B4 (a)
3. P-K3 P-Q3
4. P-Q4 PxP
5. PxP Q-K2 ch.
6. B-K3 B-Kt3
7. P-QKt4 P-QR4
8. P-B5 QPxP
9. KtPxP P-R2
10. P-Kt3 (b) Kt-B3
11. B-Kt2 P-B3
12. Kt-K2 B-Kt5
13. O-O O-O
14. R-K1 (c) Kt-Q2
15. B-B4 KR-K1
16. R-Kt1 Kt-B1
17. Q-B3 B-Kt1
18. QxP QxQ
19. R-K2 BxB
20. PxB Kt-Q4
21. BxKt? (d) PxB
22. R(Kt7)-Kt1 B-B6
23. Kt-Kt3 Kt-K3
24. R-K3! (e) B-K5
25. Kt(Kt3)xR PxKt

26. Kt-K2 P-B4
27. R(K3)-Kt3 KR-Q1
28. P-B6!! (f) Kt-B2
29. R-Kt7 KR-B1
30. Kt-B3 P-R3
31. P-KR4 K-R2
32. P-Q5 KtxP
33. KtxKt RxB
34. Kt-K7 R-B3
35. R(Kt1)-Kt5 QR-B1
36. P-R5! R(B1)-B2
37. R-Kt7 R-K3
38. R-K7 R(K3)-B3
39. R-Kt8 (g) R-B1
40. R-R8 RxB
41. RxB R-R3
42. Kt-Kt6! resigns.

- (a) Kt-Kt3 is the correct reply.
- (b) Q-R4 ch. is an attractive alternative.
- (c) R-Kt1 immediately is very much stronger, permanently cramping Black's development.
- (d) KtxKt! is overwhelming. Generally speaking it is a bad policy to exchange a fianchettoed B for a minor piece except a B of the same colour.
- (e) If KtxQ? 25 R-Q3.
- (f) If KtxP; 29 KtxKt RxKt; 30 P-B7!
- (g) Missing a quick win by playing immediately Kt-Kt6! Black being in zugzwang is doomed.

NOTE: Correct solutions to problems 2, 3 and 4 were received from Mr. A. Rootstein and Mr. V. Glouberman.

SUNDAY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



HORIZONTAL

- 1 To stimulate
- 4 Intrigue
- 9 Fay
- 12 Macaw
- 13 Frog genus
- 14 Grin
- 15 Wedding proclamation
- 17 Harmed
- 19 Ship channels
- 21 To prevent
- 22 Regard
- 25 Locations
- 29 Mulberry
- 30 Mistake
- 32 Girl's name
- 33 Lump of metal
- 35 Cut
- 37 Apt
- 38 Entry
- 40 Jewel
- 42 Compass point
- 43 Imp
- 45 Feared
- 47 To soak
- 49 Except

VERTICAL

- 50 Burning light
- 54 Black
- 57 Sea bird
- 58 To cut away
- 60 Yellow
- 61 By birth
- 62 More confident

63 To drink

- 1 Poke
- 2 Mouths
- 3 Mobs
- 4 Cruets
- 5 One
- 6 Flower
- 7 Bedouin
- 8 Tibetan

priests

9 Work unit

10 Caustic substance

11 Nourished

16 Part of neck

18 Sterile

20 Small piece

22 Swift

23 Select part

24 Hauled

26 Cap

27 To expunge

28 Cloyed

31 Lifts up

34 Muffin

36 More gloomy

39 Cryptogamous plant

41 Molten rock

44 Scents

46 Printers' aid

48 S. American country

50 Container

51 To mourn

52 To piece

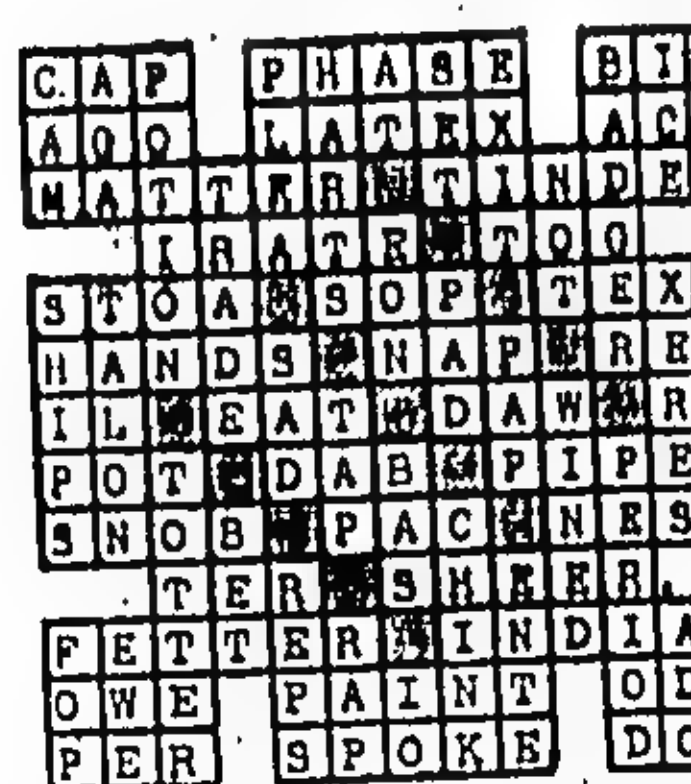
53 Jutting rock

55 Girl's name

56 Pile

59 Prefix: from

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Falling In Love With Another Man

To have a lover, is not unusual for a married woman in her mid-thirties

MY creed contains one simple belief: that this business of falling in love with another man is one of the most usual experiences of a woman in her mid-thirties, and that, more often than not, it is a very valuable one.

By the time a couple have been married for ten years or so, have acquired two or three children and gone through some anxious and difficult times together, their early passionate love for each other has inevitably lost its heady quality of excitement and their whole relationship has settled into a routine that, by the process of give and take, and adaptation and adjustment, has been made as satisfactory as possible to both partners. Possibly the balance is a little in favour of the husband, whose hours of work determine his wife's scheme of housework. At other times, perhaps, the balance swings to the wife's side, and she runs the

house as her mother taught her and never forgets to remind her husband that he has forgotten to wipe his shoes on the mat.

But in either case after ten years their relationship is a settled thing, they know what to expect of each other. There are no surprises left as their feeling for each other is composed of love and loyalty and shared experiences. It no longer produces a stir in the blood and a pounding of the heart, and although people may say that to have known that ecstasy once in early youth should be satisfaction enough for a woman, all history—the history of the past, and the histories of your friends' lives to-day, and the history, too, of your life and mine—shows that it is not enough.

Love is the main preoccupation of women; their greatest need is an object on which to focus it. At first the husband is that. The first few hundred times that he is asked, "Do you *really* love me, darling?" he will find it possible to answer (though with embarrassment), "Yes, of course." But later the question will fall on deaf ears. And by that time, too, his use of the word "darling" will have become perfunctory or almost ceased.

But probably by then their first child is born, and afterwards not only is their early passion quickened and renewed, but now the wife has two objects on which to bestow affection and from which to demand it. And so all goes well and the years pass quickly until suddenly the last baby is a schoolboy, and the wife sits down and takes stock of her



life. Who now is going to make these incessant demands on her emotional nature that it is her heritage to respond to, and that have kept her happy and tranquil for so long?

The stronger she is, the more vital and abundant her capacity for giving, the more likely she is to feel the sort of simmering restlessness that, given the right man appearing at the right moment, will resolve itself in a new storm of love blowing up in her heart. It has very little likeness to the mysterious beauty of first love. Simply it is a new torment and enchantment added to her life, encircling it when most it needs nourishment.

Of course, at this point it is fatally and hideously easy for her to lose control and allow this new interloping emotion to destroy the whole structure not only of her existence but of her husband's and children's. This new

love needs a very keen restraint put upon it if it is somehow or other going to become part of the amalgam of her life, and not remain a violent extraneous element that confuses and spoils the rest. If restraint is exercised, if the woman is capable—as she should be at thirty-five—of disciplining herself to face facts and see just what she can give to this new factor without denying her old obligations, then I can see no reason why she should not progress with dignity toward old age, enjoying the colossal stimulus derived from her lover without forfeiting the regard and confidence of her husband. Simply, the new strange lover represents for her romance and that dramatic heightening of the experiences of ordinary life that adds a savour to every day in the week. She is giving her husband all that he expects and wants of her, and the fact that she has a surplus still of love to give elsewhere does not make him poorer though it makes her richer.

There are those who set a high value on chastity's sake and those others who praise fidelity. For my own part I hold that these are matters of principle, intellectual conceptions if you will, whereas for a woman to love with dignity, not only once but often if her heart dictates, is to follow the natural law of her being, and thereby add to the harmony of the world.



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Points Of Sensitivity

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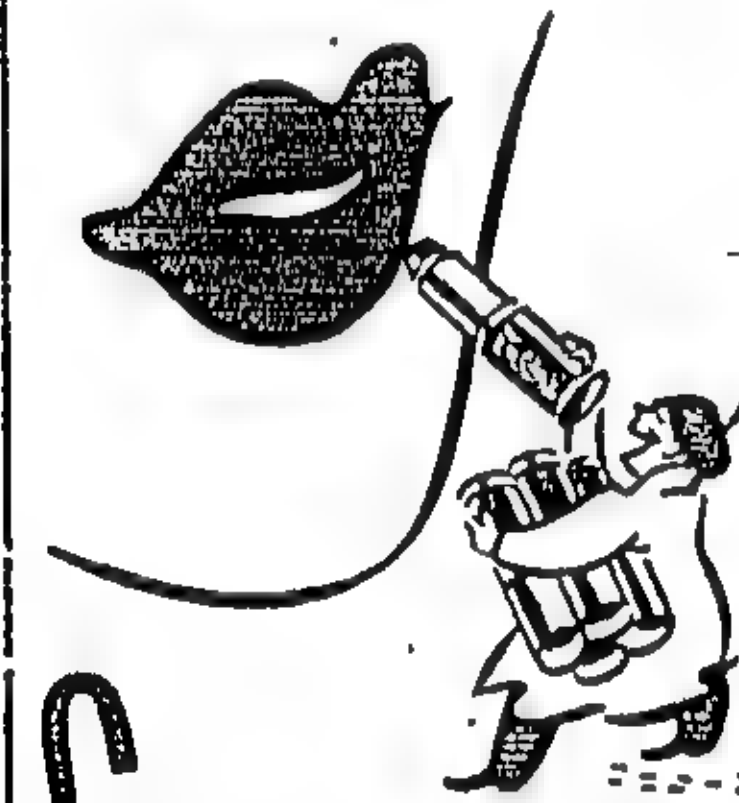
Let's take Eleanor. Eleanor has a lovely face and a good figure, but her teeth are discoloured, rife with assorted fillings, patchings and inlays. Last year she spent five hundred and fifty dollars for a fur coat, but she wouldn't dream of putting the equivalent amount of money in a thorough "reconstruction" job on her teeth. Lately she's been cultivating a seriousness that's at distinct variance with the pertness of her features—inadequate camouflage for the imperfection of her smile.

The solution for Eleanor is a dentist who is a beauty specialist instead of a piece-worker. In her behalf we interviewed a man who has beautified many mouths that have since travelled to Hollywood. He says: "Teeth may have been repaired and patched beyond recognition, but so long as the roots remain in healthy condition, nobly white and regular teeth are not only possible, but quite probable." The answer is porcelain jackets. Many famous mouths are full of porcelain overcoats. Discoloured, yellow teeth are often jacketed, as are teeth that have been drilled and filled time and again. It costs money, but considerably less than you may think.

Sinus which, in the old days was inelegantly called catarrh of the nose, caused the suf-

ferer to talk with a weird cold-in-the-head diction, and entailed constant sniffing. To-day this complaint, under the refined name of sinusitis, calls for treatment, simple, but regular, to prevent all the unpleasant complications that can ensue. One of them is unpleasant breath. Another is—yes, no fooling—wrinkles, for the sinus victim is given to frowning, and you know what frowning does. Other sad results are drooping eyelids, bags under the eyes, red schnozzle and swollen face. Boo! The simplest solution is to have the sinuses washed out regularly to prevent the occurrence of further infection and complications.

Hair where it's not wanted: This isn't an uncommon handicap, by any means, judging merely by the number of women who write for advice on the subject. The basic cause of superfluous hair is not really known, but many doctors say that it is probably due to the endocrine glands, nasty things. There is no way of preventing superfluous hair, but once it makes its appearance there are innumerable ways to disguise or remove it. For the slight fuzz that covers many an otherwise feminine lip, there is a bleach formula to make each little hair unobtrusively light in colour. Then there are the chemical depilatories which remove hair in a trice. They smell a little but it's all over in a minute, and doesn't hurt at all. And there is electrolysis, which is unquestionably the most permanent means of hair removal.



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EYE, EYE, SIR!

If you're not quite sure what sort of a person you are, take a look in the mirror. No, this isn't a gag. The answer? The eyes have it!

It may be true that you can't judge a book by its cover, but some psychologists judge character by studying the shape of the eyes.

According to theory, if you have round eyes you are probably innocent and trusting, affectionate, likeable and as unsophisticated as a kitten.

If your eyes are oval-shaped and wide, this theory says, you are not so easily fooled, but you are temperamental, emotional, poetic, a dreamer and an idealist.

Those whose mirrors reflect long, slanted eyes are declared to be secretive, clever without possessing great brilliance, sensitive to personal hurts, but unsympathetic and cold in their treatment of others.

If you have large protruding eyes, you may be a rather bombastic person. You are probably suffering from extremes of generosity and selfishness, and are strongly opinionated, strong in your likes and dislikes.

Your emotions are supposed to be coated with frost if your eyes are small, oval and piercing. But don't let that bother you, because according to some psychologists, you are quick-witted, keen-minded, even-tempered and so-on suave!

Psychologists pay small attention to the colour of the eye's iris as an index to character, but here are some legendary "facts" for you to remember or forget:

Gray eyes: depth of character and of feeling; reserve.

Blue eyes: honesty; humour.

Brown eyes: tenderness; warmth of feeling.

Hazel eyes: versatility; amiability.

Green eyes: daring; courage; gaiety.

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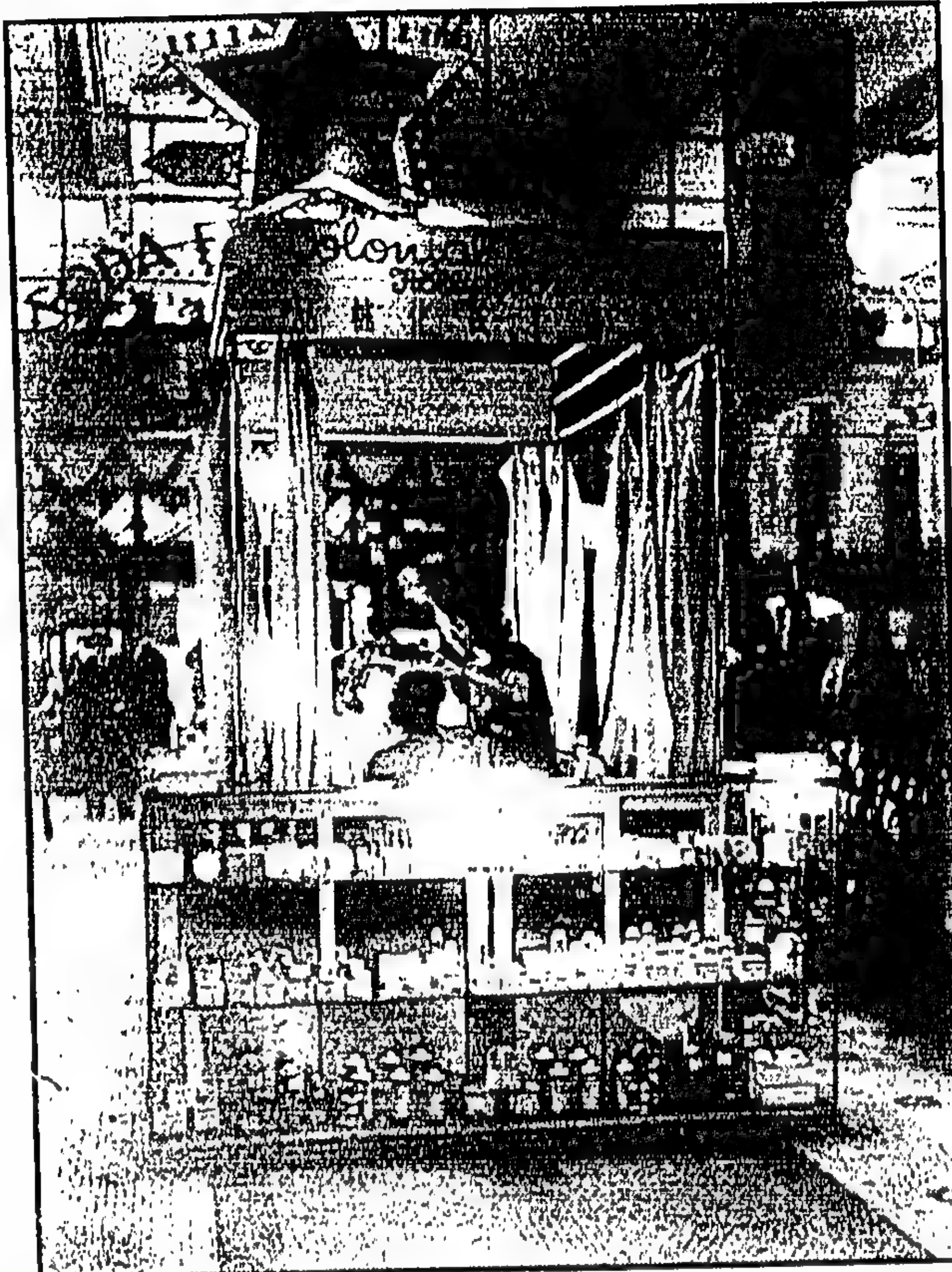
When listening to a bore, it's a good idea (provided he's an important bore) to keep a lot of lively interest peeking out of the eyelids, even though you're wishing he'd choke.

Masculine eyes betray true feelings more than feminine eyes. This may mean that men are more honest than women—but it probably means that men are poorer actors.

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A woman can glance coyly upwards through her lashes and look completely captivating to a gullible male. Lowered eyelids make a woman look either mysterious or demure (depending on her type). Lowered eyelids invariably make a man look sleepy (regardless of his type).

Don't mistrust the poor fellow who can't look you in the eye. It may only be the result of the failing mark he got in first grade. And the staunch and steady starrer-outer who always gives

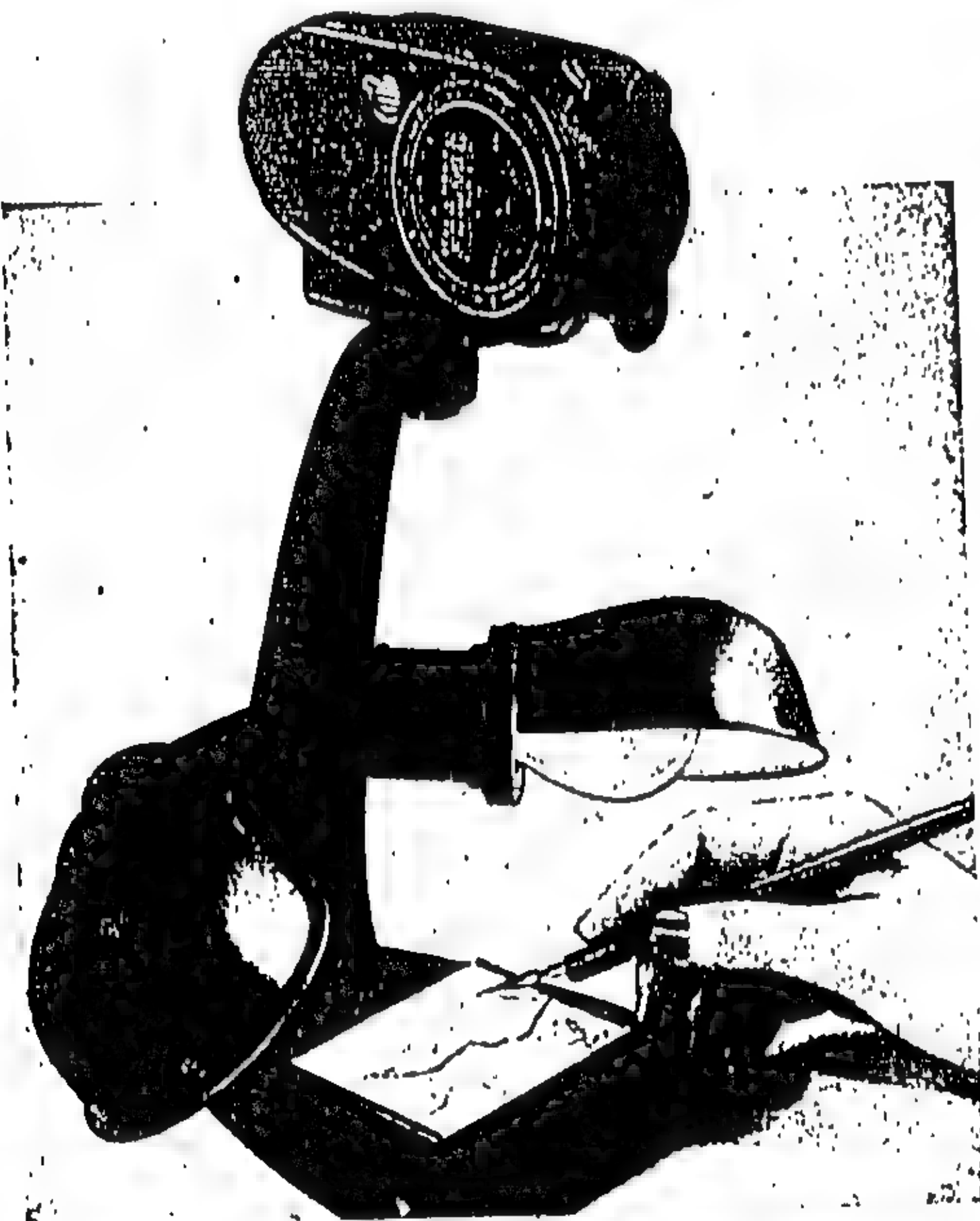


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Teacher: "Now, Tom, hold your head up and shoulders back—you'd like to have a fine carriage when you are a man, wouldn't you?"
Tom: "Well, I'd rather have a car." — *Missouri Showman.*



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The landlady brought in a plateful of extremely thin slices of bread and butter, which rather dismayed the hungry boarders. "Did you cut these, Mrs. Brown?" said one.
"Yes, I cut them!" came the stern reply.
"Oh, all right," went on the boarder. "I'll shuffle and deal!" — *Atlanta Georgian.*

FASHION NOTE

Milliner: "Pardon, Madame. This is the hat you just bought; that's the box you're wearing." — *Calgary Post.*

WHY COMPLAIN?

"Well, don't get excited because he called you a rogue—he's a much bigger rogue than you are." — *Vari Hem.*

PROGRESS

Science is resourceful; it couldn't open the Pullman window so it air-conditioned the train. — *Alabama Rammer-Jammer.*

MADE PLAIN

"It's hard to tell just what the public wants," murmured a disconsolate playwright, as the hisses and groans of the audience greeted his new play.

"It's easy enough to tell in this case," said the manager grimly. "It wants its money back." — *Montreal Star.*

SOME SPRINT

The train was pulling out from the platform and the old man was just settling down comfortably. Suddenly the door burst open and a young man tumbled into the carriage and seated himself, panting and pulling, opposite the old man. The latter looked on with obvious disapproval.

"You must be very unfit, young man," he said after a while. "Why, when I was young I never got out of breath and panted like that after a run."

"Perhaps not," retorted the other. "but I missed this train at the last station." — *The New Idea.*

ECONOMIST

Mother: "With food prices so high, don't you think it a bit extravagant. Harold to eat both butter and jelly on your bread at the same time?"

Harold: "Why, no, mother; I think it is economy. You see, the same piece of bread serves for both." — *Lindsay Post.*

JUST LIKE THEM

"How many of your girl friends are in our little secret?"
"Six, all told."
"They would!" — *Portland Express.*

THE OBJECTION

"And why didn't you like the job I got for you?"
"When I said I'd take care of your friend's pet while he was away, you didn't tell me he ran a circus." — *Calgary Post.*

COMING AND GOING

A Motor journal says that a \$200 car is bound to come. But the question is—will it go? — *Ottawa Journal.*

SHE LOST PATIENCE

Sally: "How did you lose your job with the Swank Dress Shop?"

Ann: "Just for something I said. After I had tried thirty dresses on a woman, she said, 'I think I'd look nicer in something flowing!' So I asked her why she didn't go and jump in the river." — *Quebec Mercury.*

DOESN'T PAY

The only trouble with looking impartially at both sides of a question is that both sides wallop you for being on the other. — *Montreal Star.*

SLIGHTLY

College Student: "Oh, Dad, I've just discovered that the girl who sits next to me in chemistry has a hat exactly like mine."

Father: "So I suppose you want me to buy a new one?"

Student: "Well, darling, that would be cheaper than changing schools." — *Wall St. Journal.*



"Honestly, Miss Lee, I'm just a little boy at heart!" — *Mrs.*

MOTTOES

Egotist's: An I for an I.
Miser's: Backward, turn backward, O dime in thy flight.
Farmer's: Weed 'em and reap.
Flirt's: don't count your chickens before they show up for the date.
The Old Folks': When is the younger generation coming to?
Crook's: A thing of booty is a joy for ever.
Londoner's: There's no police like Holmes. — *Carnegie Tech Puppet.*

A CHRONIC CASE

The visitor returned to the Lost Property Office:—
"Excuse me, but when I came to inquire about my lost umbrella, did I leave my walking-stick?" — *Der Lustige Sachse.*

WHY NOT NOW?

Sam, who was ambitious but penniless, desired to be a junk dealer. He went to the village banker to seek the necessary sum to start in business.

The banker sympathetically heard the Negro's story.

"But don't you think it could be done on less than the \$100 that you ask?" queried the would-be benefactor.

"No, suh," replied Sam. "A horse and wagon would cost mos' of dat."

"Well, what guarantee can you give me for the money?"

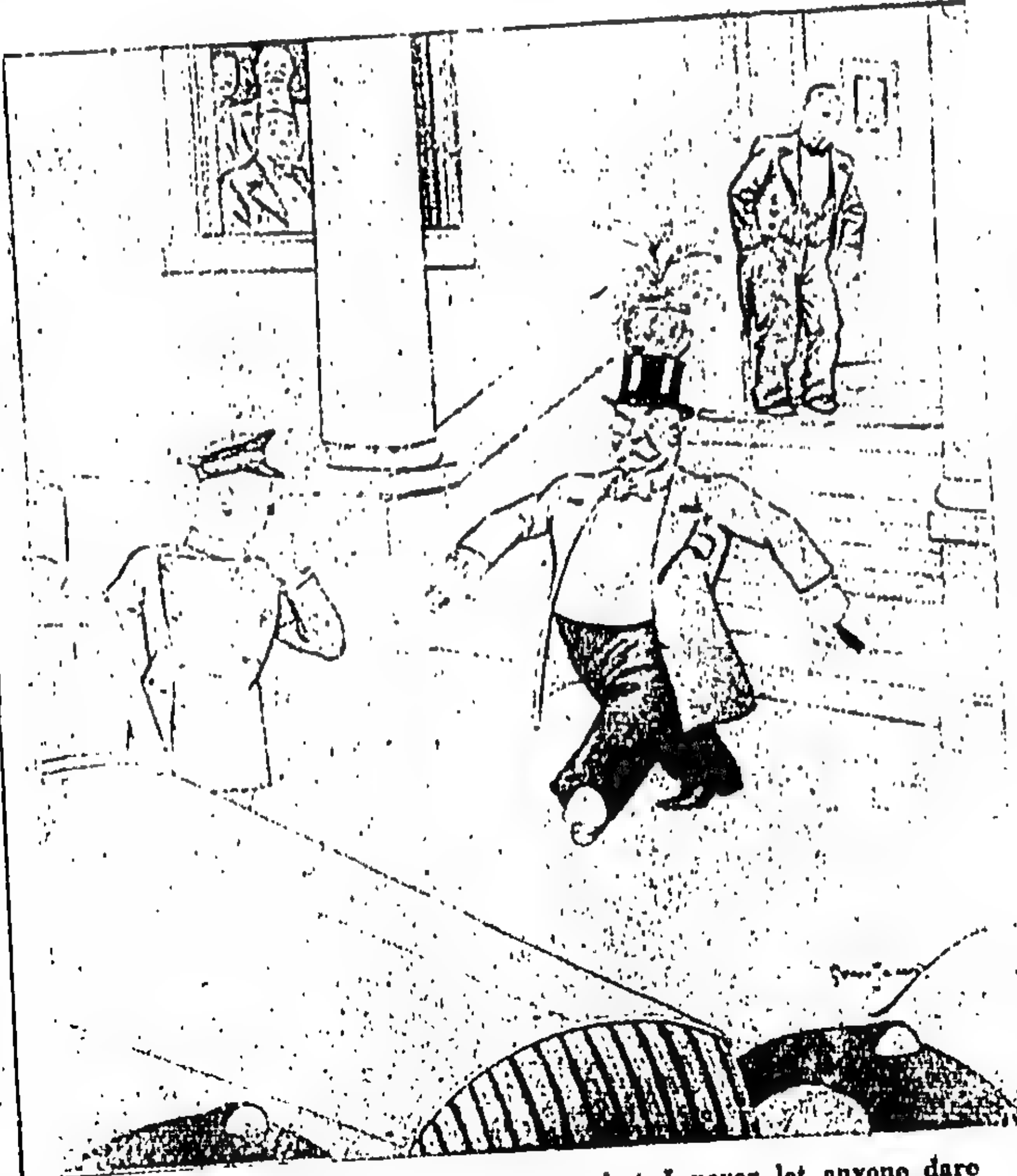
Sam thought for a moment.

"Well, suh, Ah could have youah name painted on th' wagon." — *Christian Science Monitor.*

GOING DOWN

Doctor: "Well, how is the insomnia now?"

Patient: "Oh, better, thank you, doctor. I used to count up to 5,367 sheep before I went to sleep and now it's only 4,986." — *Vari Hem.*



Clubman: "I know, Parkinson, but I never let anyone dare me!" — *London Opinion.*

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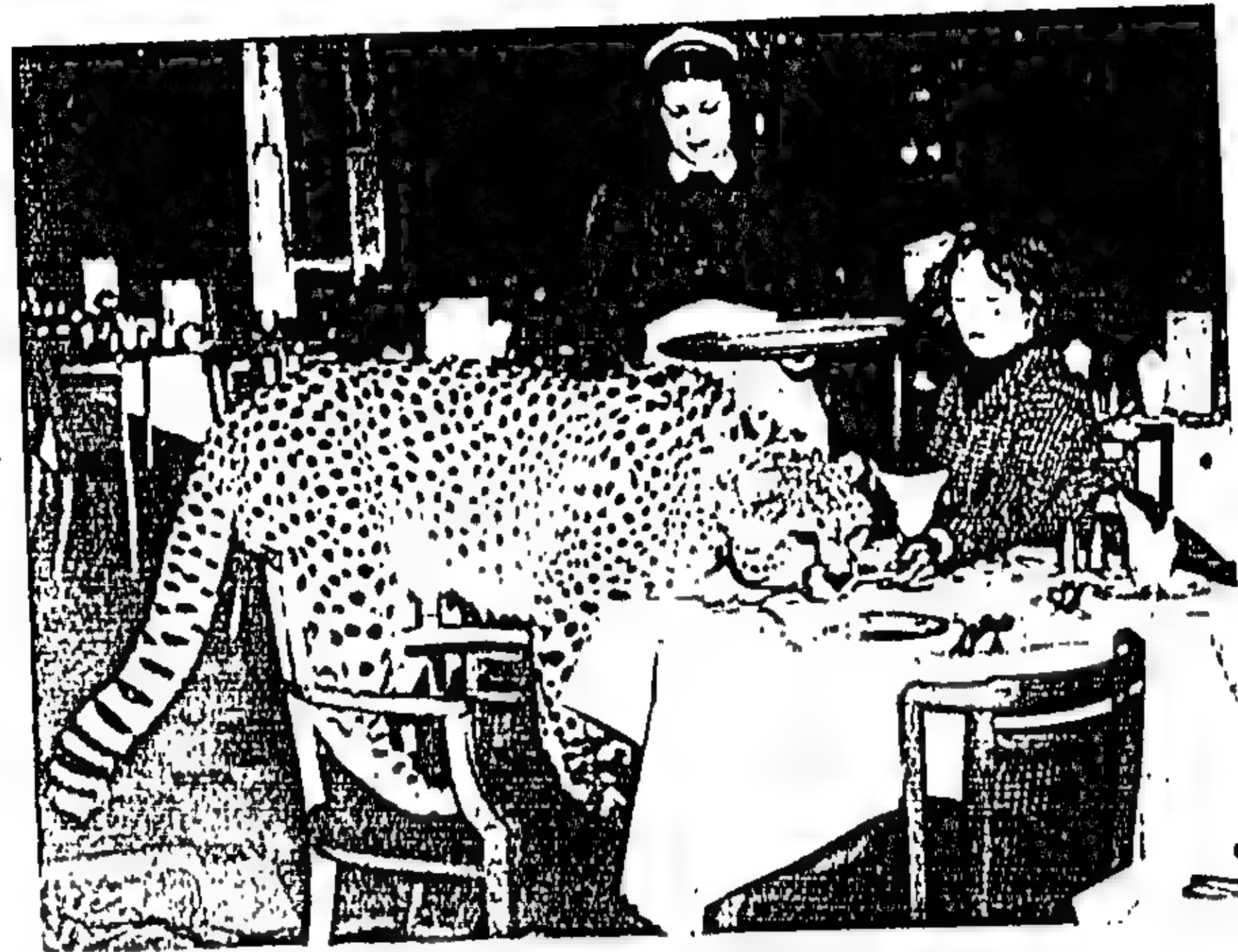
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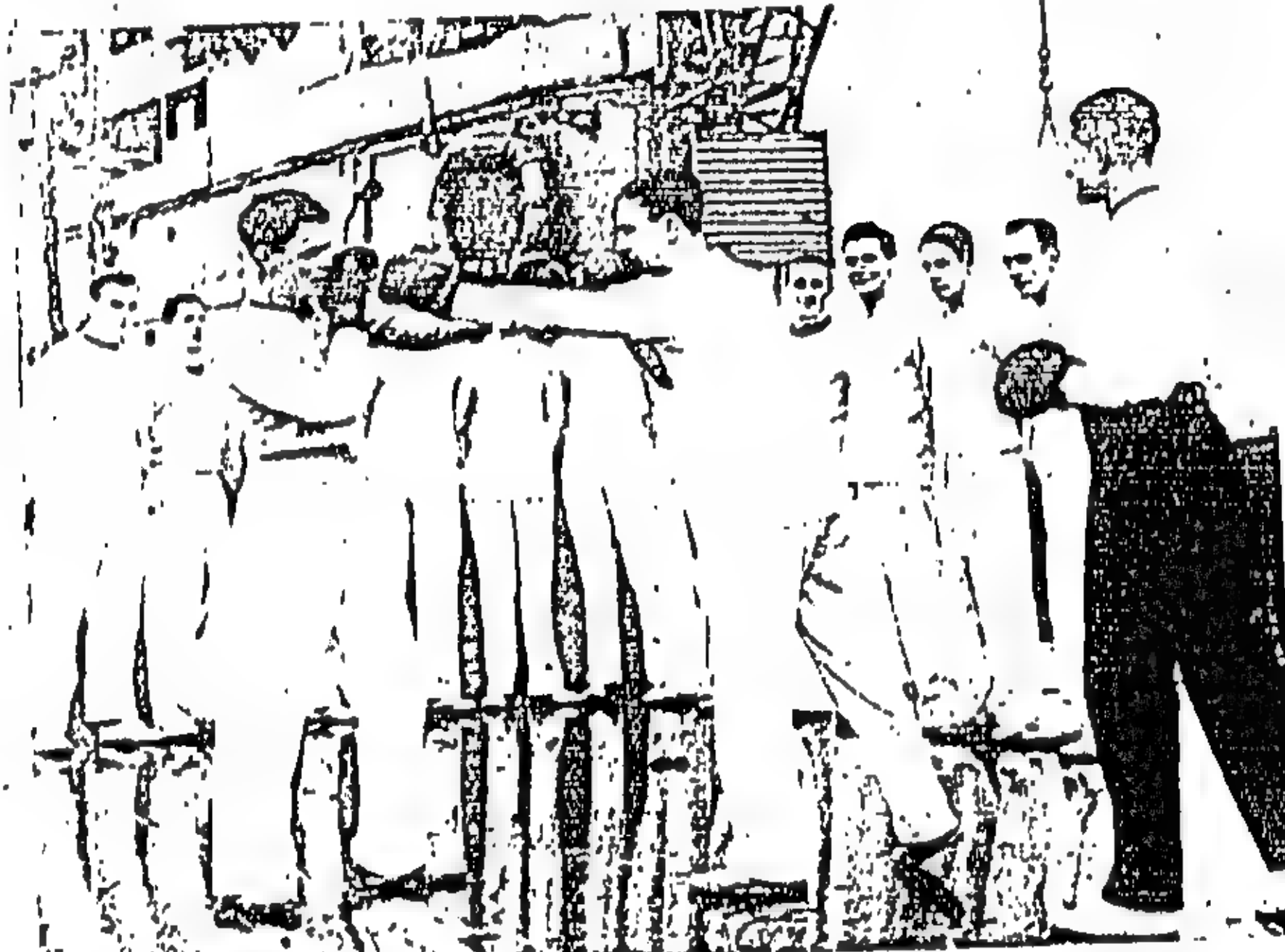
Miss Olivia Bendelari, daughter of a well-known American family, is noted for her mural paintings of aviation, and in order to get real action and colour for her work, she goes up in her own plane to make sketches and notes. She is now at work on an aviation mural for the Aero Pavilion at the New York World's Fair. (Copyright, Fox).



Ellen Harvey, at the age of eighteen, is believed to be the youngest wild animal trainer in the world. At the moment, she has a troupe of nine cheetahs, only one of which is tame. This one is seen with its mistress dining in the restaurant of a Croydon store. (Copyright, Fox).

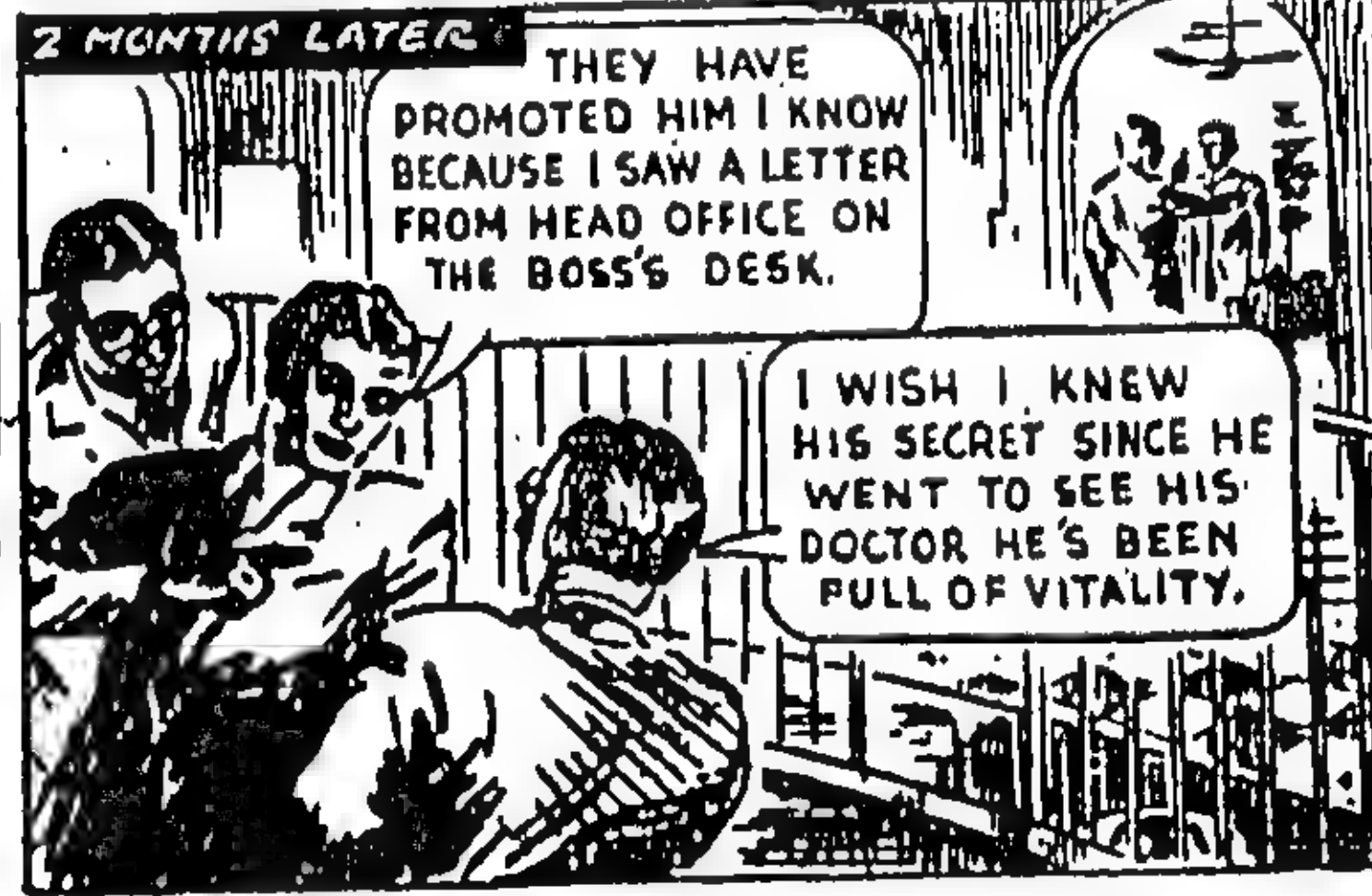
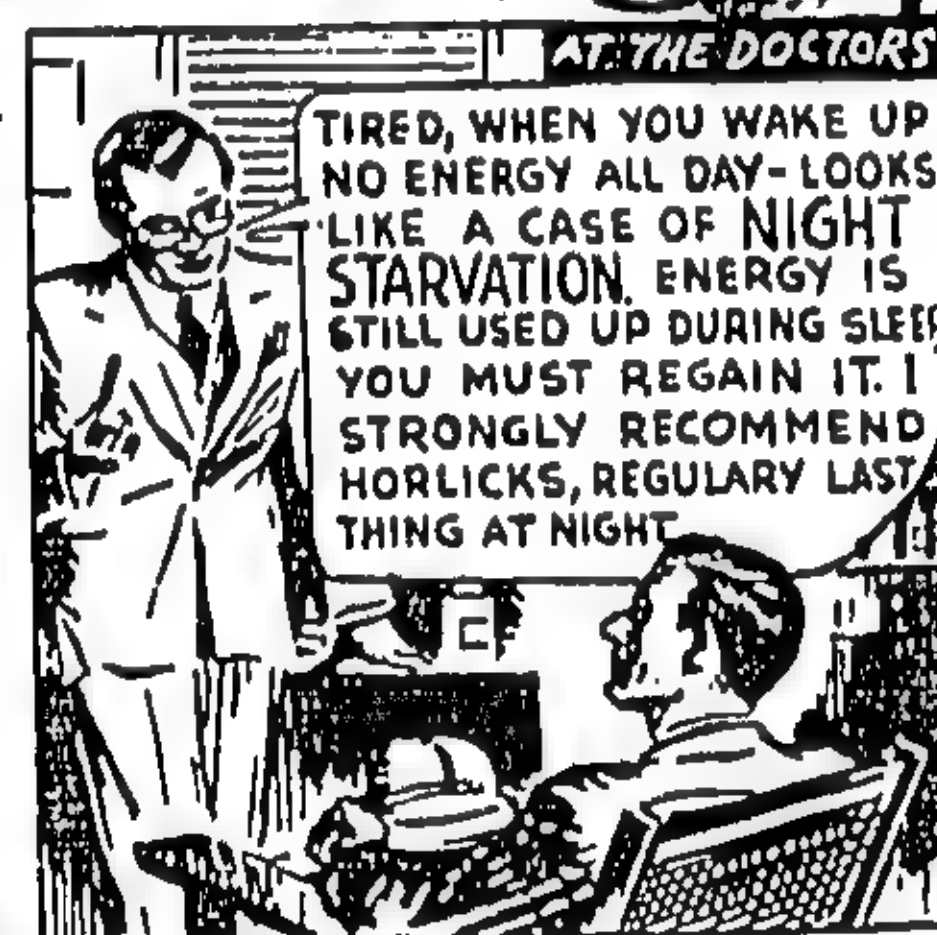


Nancy, aged fifteen, and Elizabeth Whittington, aged 17, were among the entrants for the British Junior ice skating championships held at Earl's Court in January. Here the skating sisters are seen in a striking pose. (Copyright, Fox).



The Navy is getting well down to the job of training its new air branch. This photograph, taken at Devonport aboard the reserve aircraft-carrier Hermes, shows how the young recruits are kept fit in between their intensive studies. (Copyright, Fox).

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A group photograph taken outside St. John's Cathedral last Sunday when the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Tanner was christened Andrew George. From left to right are (front row): Mr. G. Tanner, Mr. F. L. Chapman (second godfather), Mrs. Tanner, Miss E. Balchin (godmother) holding Andrew George, Mr. E. O. Murphy (godfather), with Christopher Brian Tanner. Back row: Mrs. Hillier, Mrs. Cavanagh, Mr. R. J. Rundle, Miss P. French, Mr. F. G. Brechley and Miss H. Balchin.



Mr. and Mrs. G. Tanner, and their two children, photographed at the entrance to St. John's Cathedral, after the younger of their two sons was christened last Sunday.



Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Dupson who were married in Shanghai on December 31, 1938. Mrs. Dupson is better known in Hong Kong as the former Miss G. Lakeman.



Three racegoers photographed at the Valley last Saturday.

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Mrs. Langley, hon. secretary of St. John's Ambulance Association, who recently returned to the Colony from Jasin, Malacca, where she has been visiting her daughter. (Bann's Studio).



Dr. H. Talbot, M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lon.), who arrived back in Hong Kong recently, after a holiday spent abroad. (Bann's Studio).

MYSTERY EXPLOSION ON SIAMESE VESSEL

Singapore, Yesterday.

One of the crew was killed in a mysterious explosion which sank the 1,278-ton Siamese steamer Malini off Malaya yesterday.

The vessel, which was owned by the Siamese Steamship Company, was on the way from Bangkok to Singapore.

An explosion, for which no explanation has been advanced, occurred in the engine-room and blew half the ship's sides out. One of the stokers was killed.

The vessel sank rapidly but the remainder of the crew of 60 were able to take to the boats, and later landed safely on the East Coast of Malaya, 100 miles from Singapore. — Our Own Correspondent.

ANNUITY BAR TO RE-MARRIAGE

The late Mr. Henry Humphrey Kopsch, retired official of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, who died on November 22, 1938 at the Cavendish Hotel, Eastbourne, Sussex, left local estate sworn under \$89,200.

An application by Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, lawful attorney, for sealing the certified copy of Probate of Will has been granted.

Deceased, in his will, bequeathed an annuity of £300 to his wife, Cynthia Clarke as long as she remains unmarried.

BROADCAST OF POPE'S CORONATION

Hong Kong radio listeners will be able to hear accounts of the coronation of Pope Pius XII in transmissions from Daventry today and to-morrow.

The ceremony will be broadcast at 7.45 (Hong Kong Time) this evening, and an eye-witness account by Harman Grisewood will be relayed from Rome by the B. R. C. at 11.45 to-night (Hong Kong Time).

Recordings will be broadcast from Daventry at 3.05 a.m., 8.20 a.m. 3.10 p.m. to-morrow, Monday (Hong Kong Time).

SHORTLY TO BE MARRIED

Miss Doris May Hunt, former Colony swimming champion and daughter of Sub-Inspector R. T. Hunt, of the Hong Kong Police Force, is shortly to be married to Mr. Peter Nicholas Barten, residing at the Metropole Hotel.

The forthcoming wedding was announced yesterday.

THE HONG KONG SHAREHOLDERS ASSOCIATION

This Association, in the course of formation, invites Shareholders in Hong Kong Public Companies desirous of joining to send in their names to The Hong Kong Shareholders Association c/o "The Hong Kong Sunday Herald."

When sufficient applications for membership are received a meeting of members will be called to vote for a Committee to handle the affairs of the Association.

The main object of this Association is to protect the interests of Shareholders in Public Companies of Hong Kong.

Attempt To End Bloodbath In Madrid

GENERAL CASADO'S RADIO OFFER

Madrid, Yesterday.

General Casado, the new Defence Minister, stated in a radio broadcast last night that the Defence Junta would show mercy to the rank and file of the Communist rebels.

However, he added, "the leaders are madmen and have no claim to be treated by the Spanish people as countrymen."

While nearly 14,000 Communist rebels are said to have surrendered to the Defence Council, the revolt has not yet been subdued, and a new enemy, hunger, has made its appearance.

The food shortage in Madrid is serious, as the revolt has interrupted supplies coming in from the country while supplies in warehouses in the city cannot be distributed owing to the street fighting.

Although General Franco has made no effort to attack Madrid, the revolt has led to Nationalist occupation of several Republican positions near the city.

Both the Communists and the Defence Junta have called back battalions of infantry from the front. — Trans-Ocean.

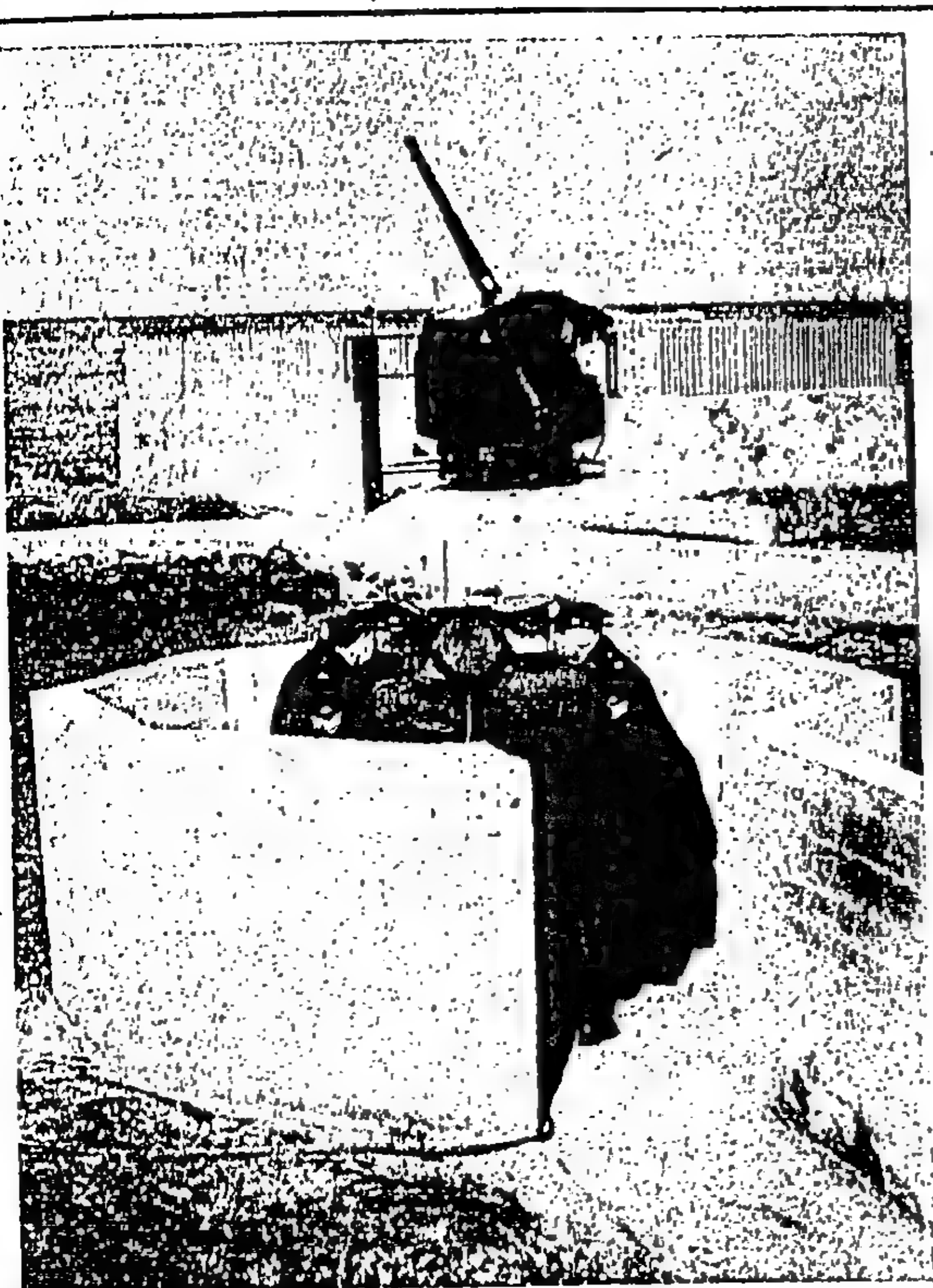
Peace Offer?

London, Yesterday.

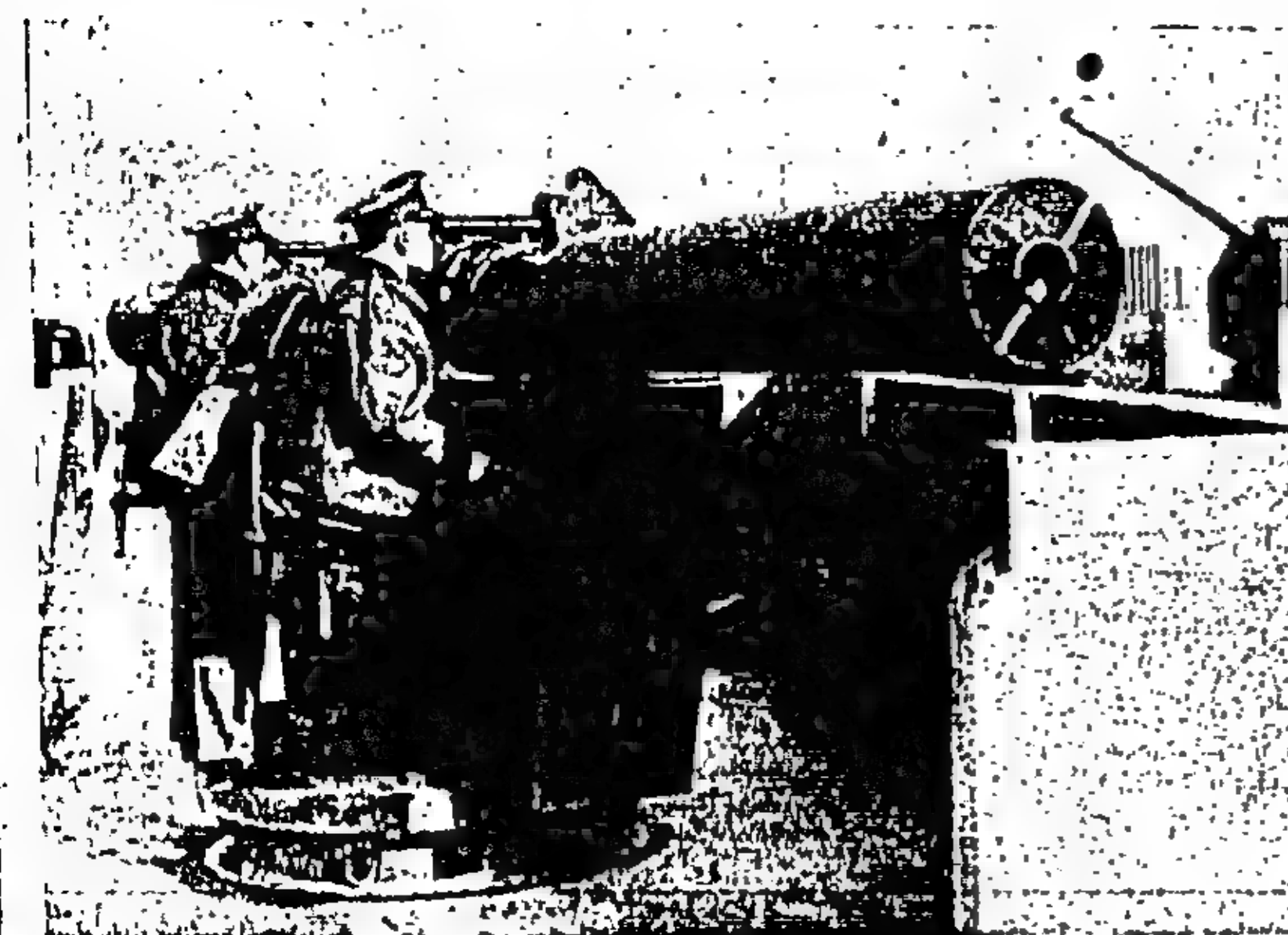
General Minja's son who was released from prison in National Spain and escorted to the French frontier arrived at Hendaye on Friday.

Upon his arrival on French soil, he announced his intention of proceeding to Madrid.

A rumour has been circulated by a British news agency to the effect that he is taking definite proposals which General Franco wishes to be presented to the Madrid Defence Junta. — Trans-Ocean.



The Earl of Munster, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for War on February 27 inspected a battery of the new 4.5 inch anti-aircraft guns 'somewhere' in Kent. These guns form part of the new elaborate air raid defences of London. Photo shows men at work with the "Predictor" in the foreground, with one of the new guns in the background.



This photo shows a huge range finder, and another of the new 4.5-inch A.A. guns in the background.

45,000-TON DREADNAUGHT FOR AMERICA

New York, Yesterday. The United States is to build another 45,000-ton super-dreadnaught, says a press report, which adds that the new warship will be named "New York." Congress is to be asked to provide \$100,000,000 for her construction.

Leung Wah, 32, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards yesterday with stealing two finger rings, three bangles and \$20 in money, from Che Pak-mau, 30, a tailor, at his residence at No. 20, Gilman Street, on Friday. He was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

POLAND READY FOR WORST

London, Yesterday.

The "Manchester Guardian" publishes a lengthy account from its Warsaw correspondent of the preparedness of Poland's armed forces.

Poland, says the correspondent, has a formidable army which ranks with the best in the world. Although statistics of army strength are surrounded by secrecy, the peace-time strength of the Polish army is 500,000.

Conscription, however, brings the total strength to about 5,000,000, including reserves. The Polish air force has 25,000 trained pilots, the correspondent states, and 2,000 planes, including 500 bombers.

Polish aircraft factories have an output, he adds, of about 150 planes a month.

AN ISOLATIONIST SPEAKS

Washington, Yesterday.

United States participation in any international scheme of collective security would prove to be sheer suicide, declared Senator Gerald P. Nye, the isolationist, yesterday.

Senator Nye declared: "I see that a situation dragging the United States into a foreign war can well be developed."

PISTOL FOUND

Hong Chung, 23, unemployed, Lee Ping, 25, printer, and Yam Yung, 21, paper dyer, were remanded at Kowloon yesterday.

They were arrested on Friday in a house on Castle Peak Road and a revolver and ammunition were found on the premises.

BETTER AND FASTER WAR WEAPONS

LONDON, YESTERDAY. DEMANDS FOR HAWKER HURRICANE AND SPITFIRE FIGHTERS, THE ROYAL AIR FORCE'S MOST FORMIDABLE PLANES, ARE BEING RECEIVED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE EMPIRE, STATED THE AIR MINISTER, SIR KINGSLEY WOOD, TO-DAY.

Advanced types of these two models, he said, were now being planned and would shortly be produced in large numbers, while better and faster bombers were coming forward.

The Air Ministry, said Sir Kingsley, claimed that R.A.F. fighting planes could shoot down any bomber in the world. Sir Kingsley Wood hoped the British air mission to Australia would result in mutual benefits. — Trans-Ocean.

SHOOTINGS IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, Yesterday.

While the Palestine Conference continues to hang in midair, disorders and shooting affrays continue in Palestine.

On the Jerusalem-Jericho road shots were fired at three Jewish trading places and the British aerodrome.

Two Jews were wounded. During a search in a village in northern Palestine, two Arabs were shot dead when they refused to halt.

Near Athlit, an Arab prisoner was shot dead while attempting to escape.

In the Samaria district, near Kalk Ilib, 2,000 metres of electric power wires were torn down. — Trans-Ocean.

WIND PAINS? GRIPING? COLIC?

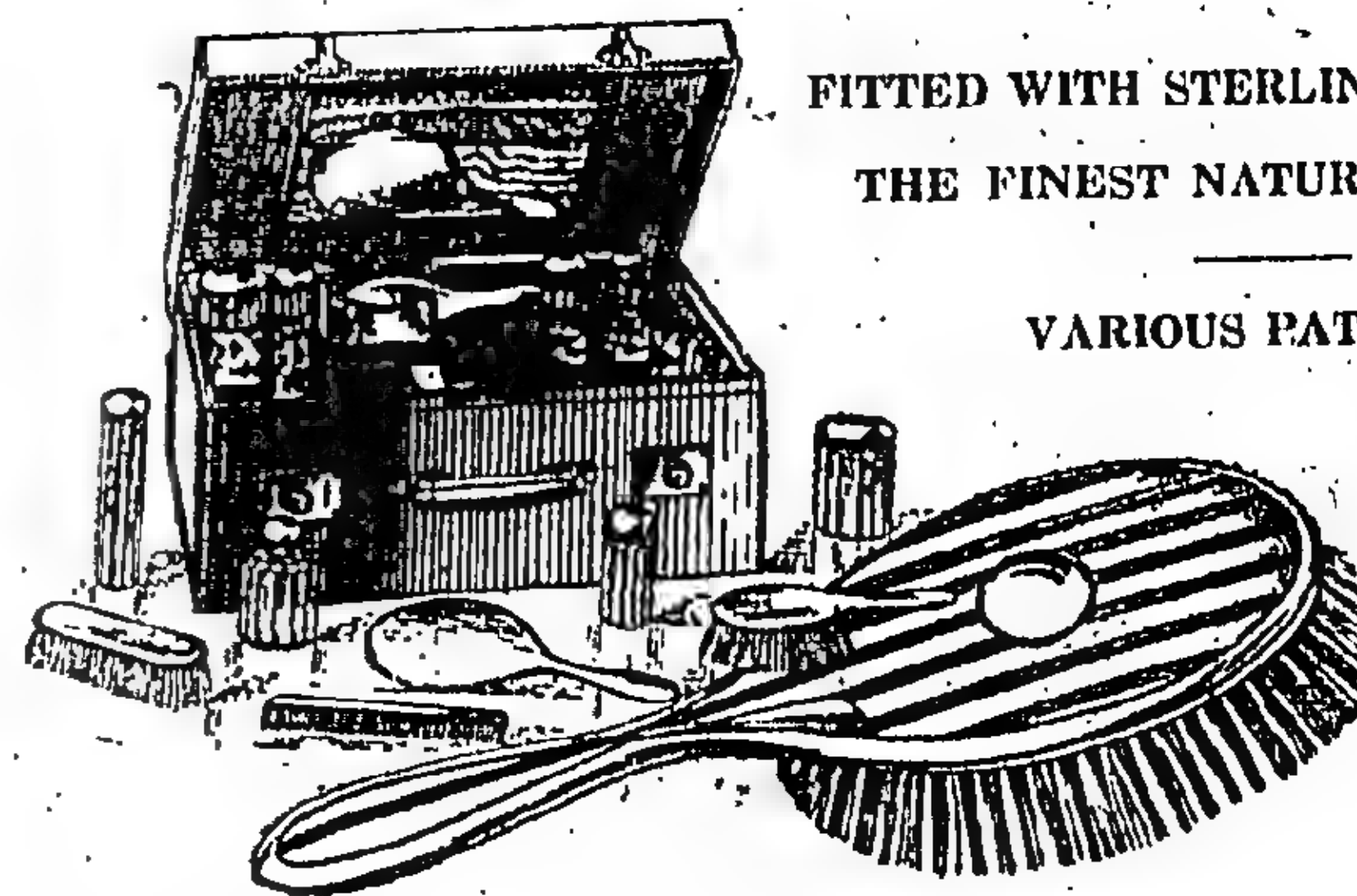
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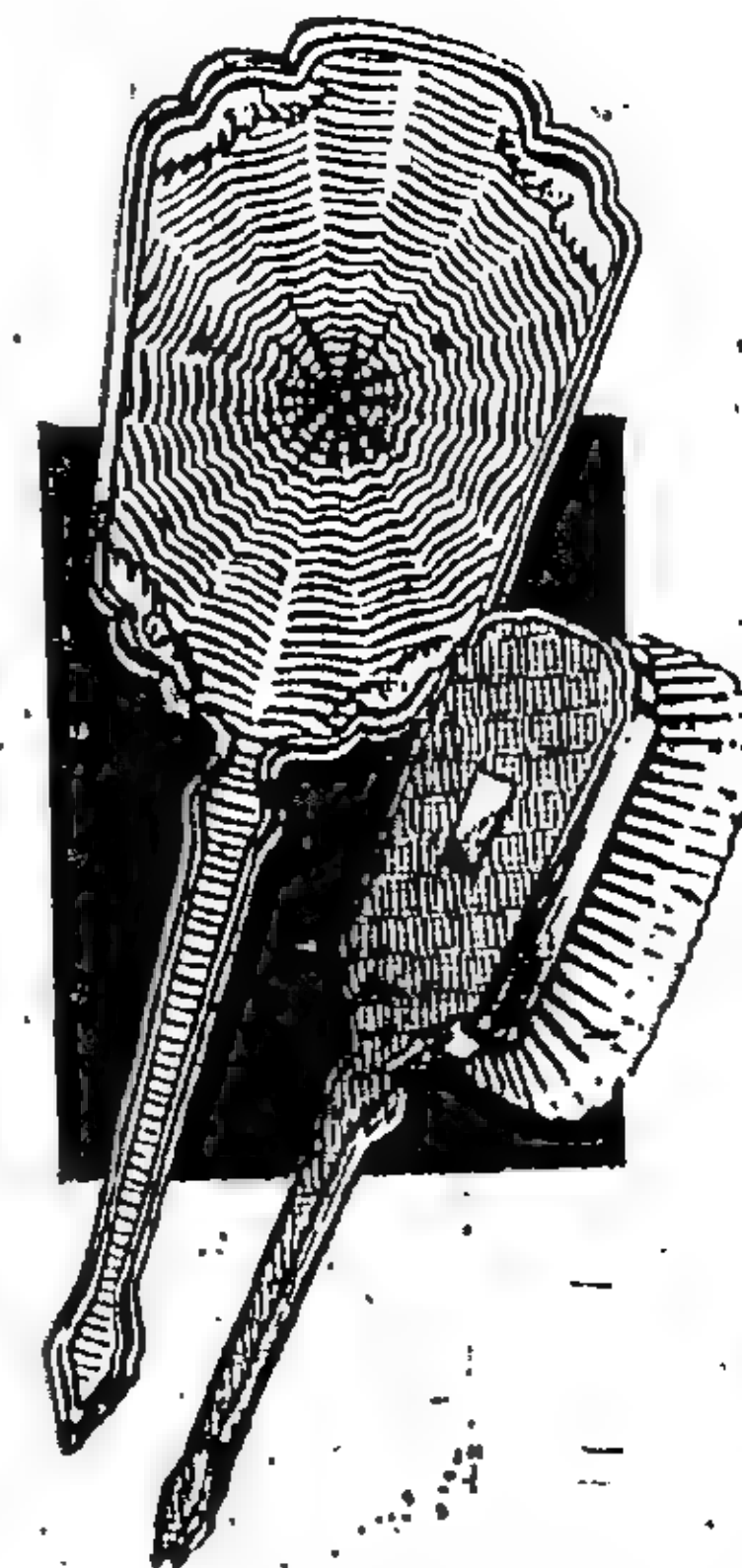
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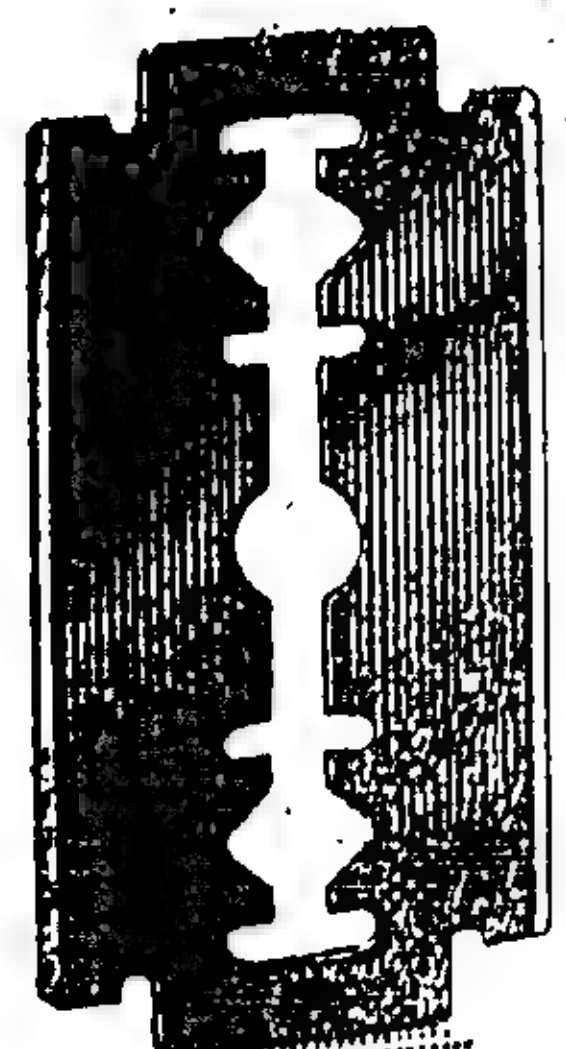
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LIKE the sound of a great Amen, a full-throated chorus rises in unison from every platform in the country: Altogether, boys—

"We depend for our existence upon our export trade."

So loud is the chorus that it finds an echo in the Board of Education. Special education for commerce is to be provided for Secondary scholars. As the Parliamentary Secretary of the Board says:—

"In facing world competition, we are fighting for our lives. This should be reflected in our educational system."

And he adds that pupils' interest in the world of commerce can be roused.

PAIN IN THE NECK

Now, if the child's interest is to be aroused, it may be assumed that the child will ask questions. This may prove embarrassing. Unlike the young of my day, the modern child is encouraged to ask questions, and does so with complete indifference to the pain he causes in the necks of his elders.

The danger that faces us, therefore, is that at any moment our children may start asking questions about trade, and why we do the funny things we do.

So far, explanations have never been necessary. Adults never ask questions about the economic system, for fear of showing their ignorance. For various reasons touching human pride, which, to my great distress, I have no room to discuss here, any ordinary full-blown adult would rather starve to death in the midst of plenty than ask, or be asked, why he is doing it.

But children will not mind displaying economic ignorance. Their pride runs to other things. Therefore, before we begin to teach them how to carry on the dog-fight against the foreigner, we had better start now preparing answers to some of those questions which I believe, from my experience of the modern child, are certain to be put.

By way of preliminary exercise, I have formulated a few of the most probable:—

Q. Why does the nation depend for its existence upon its export

trade?

A. Because we cannot buy enough of our own goods to keep our factories going, and depend on others to buy the surplus we cannot afford ourselves.

Q. Have the foreigners got more money than we have, then?

A. No, they have even less. They, too, must try and sell their goods outside. As Hitler says, "Germany must export or die."

Q. Like us?

A. Like us. All nations are exporting for their very existence.

Q. What do we export—the things we don't want?

A. No. We want them ourselves, too. Millions of our people

need them urgent, but they cannot have them until the foreigners have bought some.

Q. Then the idea of trade is to get rid of things you want yourself?

A. Yes. The object of international trade is to sell as much and buy as little as possible. Each nation tries to sell more to the others than the others sell to it.

Q. They can't all do that, can they?

A. No, in all competitions, somebody must lose. So somebody will have to buy more than they sell.

Q. Why is the one that gets the goods called the loser?

A. Because he has lost the job

of making them. You see, in early days the object of trade was the exchange of goods, but among civilised nations the main object of trade is to make work.

Q. Do all nations love work, then?

A. Not particularly, but it's their only way of getting money.

Q. If a nation buys more than it sells, does it die?

A. Well, it has what is called an unfavourable balance of trade.

Q. Why is it more favourable to get rid of things than to have them?

A. I told you. Because it means more work.

Q. Is that what is meant by "It is more blessed to give than to receive?"

A. That is a sound economic rule, certainly.

Q. Let me get this clear: Each nation wants to work for every other nation, so it has to try and make them take things it wants itself. Each nation tries to give away more than it receives. Is that right?

A. Quite. You're getting on splendidly with your economics.

Q. Who invented all this? Alice in Wonderland?

A. Our economic system was not invented. It just developed.

Q. How did it develop—like a gumball?

A. I do not understand your question.

Q. I mean, isn't it all rather unpleasant?

By YAFFLE

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ALOYSIUS HIMMELDINGER

"I'm thinking of throwing up politics and taking up a (Fish-face) Himmeldinger, yesterday business career, said Mr. Aloysius day.

"Why?" I said.

"Well, I think my talents are wasted in politics," said Mr. (f-f) Himmeldinger. "Besides my meetings have been very disappointing—very. Even voter George stayed away last night."

"Traitor," I said.

"Yes, the ingratitude of the world is heartbreaking—after all I've done for him too," said Mr. (f-f) Himmeldinger.

"Shocking," I said.

"I shall probably become a Napoleon of commerce very soon and a millionaire in the bargain, with my new business scheme," said Mr. (f-f) Himmeldinger.

"What's the scheme?" I said.

"Go-strike-a-light, it's the best scheme that the business world has ever heard of—I'm going to make a Lido in the middle of the Sahara Desert. If that doesn't make money you can kick me from here to Vladivostok."

"You can kick me from here to Vladivostok if it does," I said.

"Jealousy, that's what it is, sheer jealousy," said Mr. (f-f) Himmeldinger. "There'll be swimming, and boating and dance bands, and everything—at least almost everything."

"There might be a shortage of water," I said.

"Ah, I've thought of that little problem," said Mr. (f-f) Himmeldinger. "But I've got a scheme for that too."

"Really?" I said.

"Not 'arf," said Mr. (f-f) Himmeldinger. "You see the Japanese are going to make gold out of sea water."

"So what?" I said.

"Well, they need tons and tons of sea water to make even a teeny weeny bit of gold. I'm going to get a teeny weeny bit of gold and make tons of sea water out of it."

"And it's good for the complexion as well. Easy isn't it?"

"Very," I said.

"Of course I'll have to buy the gold first. Not much, but I do love it's a bit expensive—that's the snag at the moment."

"Oh, is it?" I said.

"I don't really need much," said



I don't think that's a very good picture of you, Gilles.

Well, Mr. Whatist, I was thinking when it was taken, and nobody looks their best when they're thinking.

Thinking! You're much too young to think! Anyway, that's what I'm paid for.

Oh? I often wondered.

Well, now you know. Anyhow, what were you thinking about?

Nosey, I was wondering where to put him this week. I haven't got any ideas. Have you?

No. We'd better leave him out this week. Nobody will miss him.

All right, then. That'll save me a lot of trouble.

By the way, Gilles. How long have you had a beard? I don't remember seeing you with one

before. You didn't have one yesterday, did you?

No, Mr. Whatist.

"Praps you'd like to take some shares in my company and then I could buy the gold."

"Praps not," I said.

"Oh, so you're being mean again—might have guessed it. You'll be sorry when I'm rolling in money—when you're scrounging round me for an idle fiver or so," said Mr. Himmeldinger.

"Don't give it another thought," I said.

"Well, what about five dollars to be going on with," said Mr. (f-f) Himmeldinger.

"No," I said.

"Penny wise, pound foolish—that's what you are," said Mr. (f-f) Himmeldinger. "You'll regret it one day. You mark my words."

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QUESTION TIME



A. Not if it is done in a spirit of give and take.

Q. But how can it give and take if everybody is trying to give and not to take?

A. I mean the nations may agree among themselves to their respective spheres of influence.

Q. Is there any chance of that?

A. We hope so. Our Government is having a conference with Germany to arrange each country's share of the markets.

Q. What are the markets?

A. The customers who buy the exports.

EVERYTHING O.K.

Q. And after Britain and Germany have shared out the customers, will everything be O.K. and hunky-dory?

A. If by hunky-dory you mean that an amicable arrangement will have been reached—yes.

Q. But supposing the time comes when Germany's customers have bought all they can afford, then will Germany want our customers?

A. Doubtless some rivalry will recur.

Q. Then shall we fight to keep our customers?

A. We must, of course, be prepared for every contingency.

Q. Does democracy mean doing everybody's work?

A. No, all nations, democratic or Fascist, must export or die.

Q. What's the real difference between democracy and Fascism?

A. I think it's time you had your bath.

Q. But look here—if we had enough money to buy all we wanted of our own thing, we shouldn't have to force them, on the foreigner, should we?

A. The need would certainly be less urgent.

Q. Then the danger of war is really because we haven't got enough money?

A. That is certainly an important factor.

Q. Then why don't we get more money?

A. Money only comes with work.

Q. Then where does money come from?

A. OH, EAT YOR DAM BUN!

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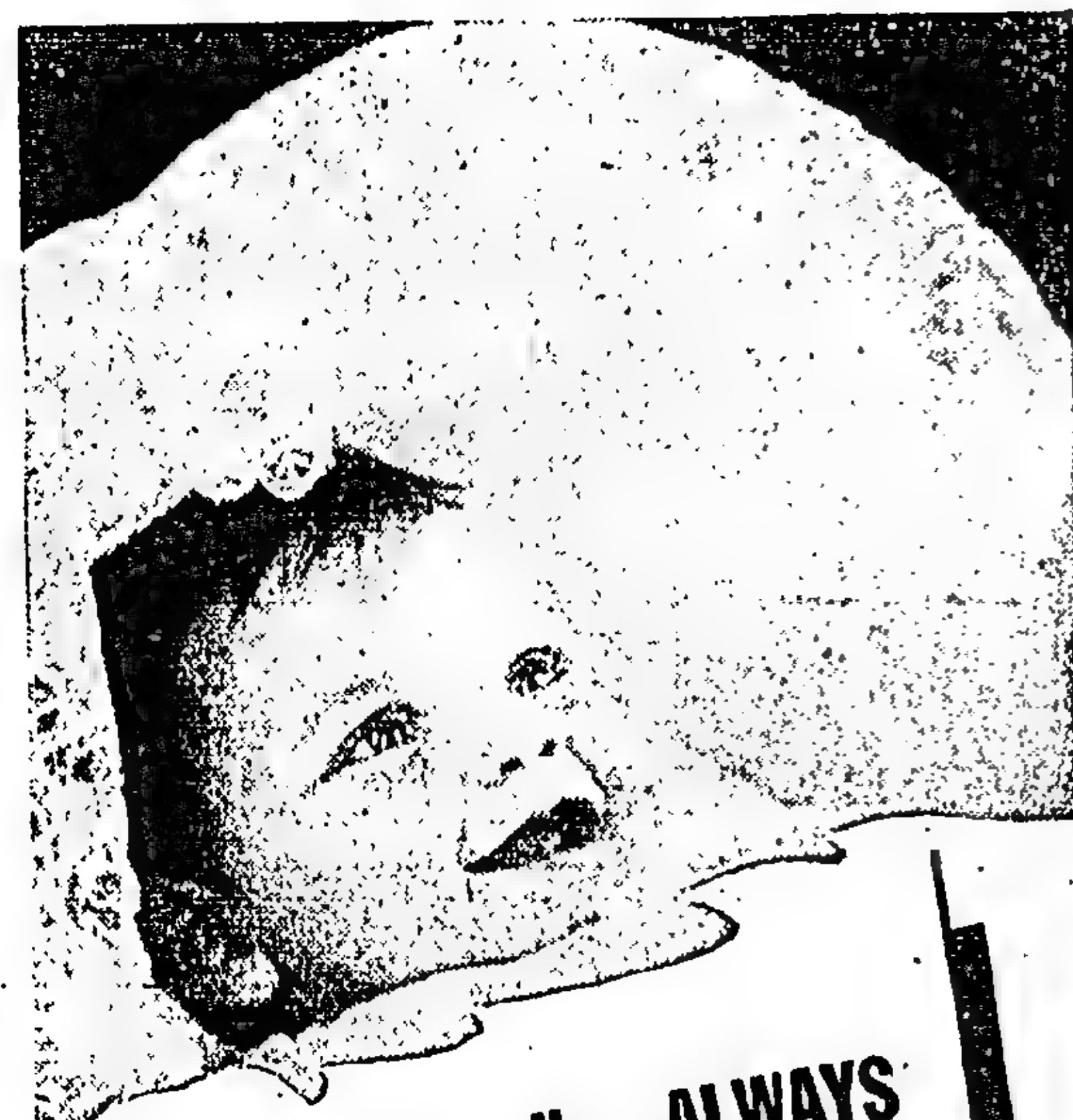
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Justice For The Jews And The Arabs

THE critics who marvelled at the calling of a conference in London to discuss the problem of Palestine will suffer no disappointment. There has been no conference.

Some ceremonies have been staged in St. James's Palace, and Ministers have talked separately, but to little purpose, with the Arab and Jewish delegations.

Obedient to the instructions of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, whose rebel forces still wage a war of terrorism against the British, the Jews, and their more moderate fellow-countrymen, the Palestinian Arabs had stubbornly refused to sit in the same room with the Jews.

They stand by their claim for independence, and reject absolutely both the Balfour Declaration that promised a Jewish national home in Palestine and the League of Nations' Mandate which instructed Great Britain to watch over its building.

There is no basis, then, for negotiation. The British Government may have derived some benefit from its conversations, more especially with the Arab States (which have even condescended to meet the Jews), but it will presently have to face all the intractable facts and impose its own solution.

This little country is a focal point in two closely connected problems. It has become a pawn in the struggle—"the bloodless war" as Mr. Churchill has called it—between the Axis, which wants power at any cost, and the Western Democracies, which aspire to appeasement at the same price.

ARAB THREAT IN SYRIA

It is no secret that the Arab rebels have been armed, financed

and encouraged by Rome and Berlin. This aid and incitement have continued, in spite of Mr. Chamberlain's achievement at Munich.

If the British have been the chief sufferers hitherto, it is probable that the French will soon experience in their mandated area of Syria the reckless enterprise of the Axis. A wireless station, which seems to be in Libya, is now directing the Arab conspirators in Syria to distribute arms to their followers.

The moment is skillfully chosen. The French, after negotiating with the Syrians a treaty that gives them a qualified independence on the model of Iraq, are, with doubtful wisdom, postponing

ratification; with the natural result that this mixed population, always difficult to govern, is restless and suspicious.

In the second place, we may soon expect the presentation of the Italian demands to France. France, assured of unconditional recognition from London and Paris, has made his triumphal entry into Barcelona at the head of 17,000 Italian troops. A formidable Italian army, in defiance of the Rome Agreement, has been concentrated once more in Libya. The ostentatious military preparations of the Duce's German second may be nearing their climax.

Mussolini has proclaimed himself the Protector of Islam, and an equestrian statue of him, in that pose, prancing with drawn sword in Libya's capital. A rising in one or more of the Mohammedan dependencies of France might further this by no means always "bloodless" war.

In this ugly framework, the Palestinian Arabs, still in rebellion, refuse any compromise, while the Jews stand by their undeniable rights.

The British Government, bent on appeasement, measures the forces that face it. The Arabs are numerous, and thanks to their proximity to several social strategic points, have their power of pressure. The Jews are few, but they enjoy in the United States—which does not necessarily admire our conduct because it condemns the Dictators—a measure of influence.

The Arabs, I take it, will be appeased—in some degree; whereupon they will ask for more.

CLOSING PALESTINE TO REFUGEES

But if Palestine is a pawn in the European struggle, it is also the most readily available of the few havens of refuge open to the Jews.

The most desperate problem that confronts organised humanity, if any vestige of it survives, is to find promptly an asylum and honourable work for Hitler's victims. There were 600,000 of them in the old Germany; Vienna has 200,000 more, and there are those of the Sudetenland also.

They have been robbed of their property, barred from every avenue through which they could gain a living, tortured in concentration camps and exposed to every indignity that neurotic malice can invent.

From merchants and bankers down to the simplest manual labourers not a man among them has work in Vienna, and in that city alone during the first four months of the Anschluss 7,000 of them committed suicide.

Where are they to go, when their fellow-Jews in happier lands have taxed themselves to buy their right to quit? France, to her lasting honour, has taken, with some "Aryan" refugees, a total of 200,000 and can receive no more. The British welcome has extended (including some "Aryan" fugitives) only to 15,000.

Very slowly the Dominions will accommodate a few thousand more. The more romantic possibil-

ities—British Guiana, San Domingo, Alaska and Madagascar—are all of them highly speculative.

It is an intolerable tragedy that Palestine, at this moment of all others, should be virtually closed. It has received in the last 20 years some 460,000 Jews. Gradually, as their plantations mature and their industries develop, it might, without overcrowding or injury to the Arabs, accommodate a total that might touch two millions.

The closing of its doors to these thousands of German-Jewish children, to whom the Zionists had offered an asylum and a school, was a callous act of timidity. They, at least, could do no harm to the Arabs.

By H. N. Brailsford

Any Government that really felt its responsibility as a Christian and European Power to clear our species from this load of guilt, would not merely have allowed the Zionist Jews to help the helpless; it would have backed them, protected them, and, if necessary, subsidised them in their effort.

FAITH THAT WORKS MIRACLES

The real question that centres in Palestine is, therefore, that of Jewish immigration. It cannot be argued that the absorptive capacity of the country is exhausted. On the contrary, each year many hundreds of acres of orange groves already planted begin to bear their marketable crops.

At this stage they call for labour. If the stream of Jewish immigration ceases, then the owners of these trees will have to employ Arab labour; and all the evils of the exploitation of a backward by an advanced race will aggravate the present troubles.

Nothing in this long controversy has justified the Arab contention that the coming of the Jews has injured them. Most of the Zionist settlements arose on vacant and derelict land.

One must have seen, as I have, the sand dunes that they have turned into orange-groves, the marshes they have drained, the bare wastes they have tamed, to realise what a miracle faith and science have performed.

The most exact reckonings could never find more than 200 Arab families who had been dispossessed. These were offered alternative lands, but preferred work in the towns.

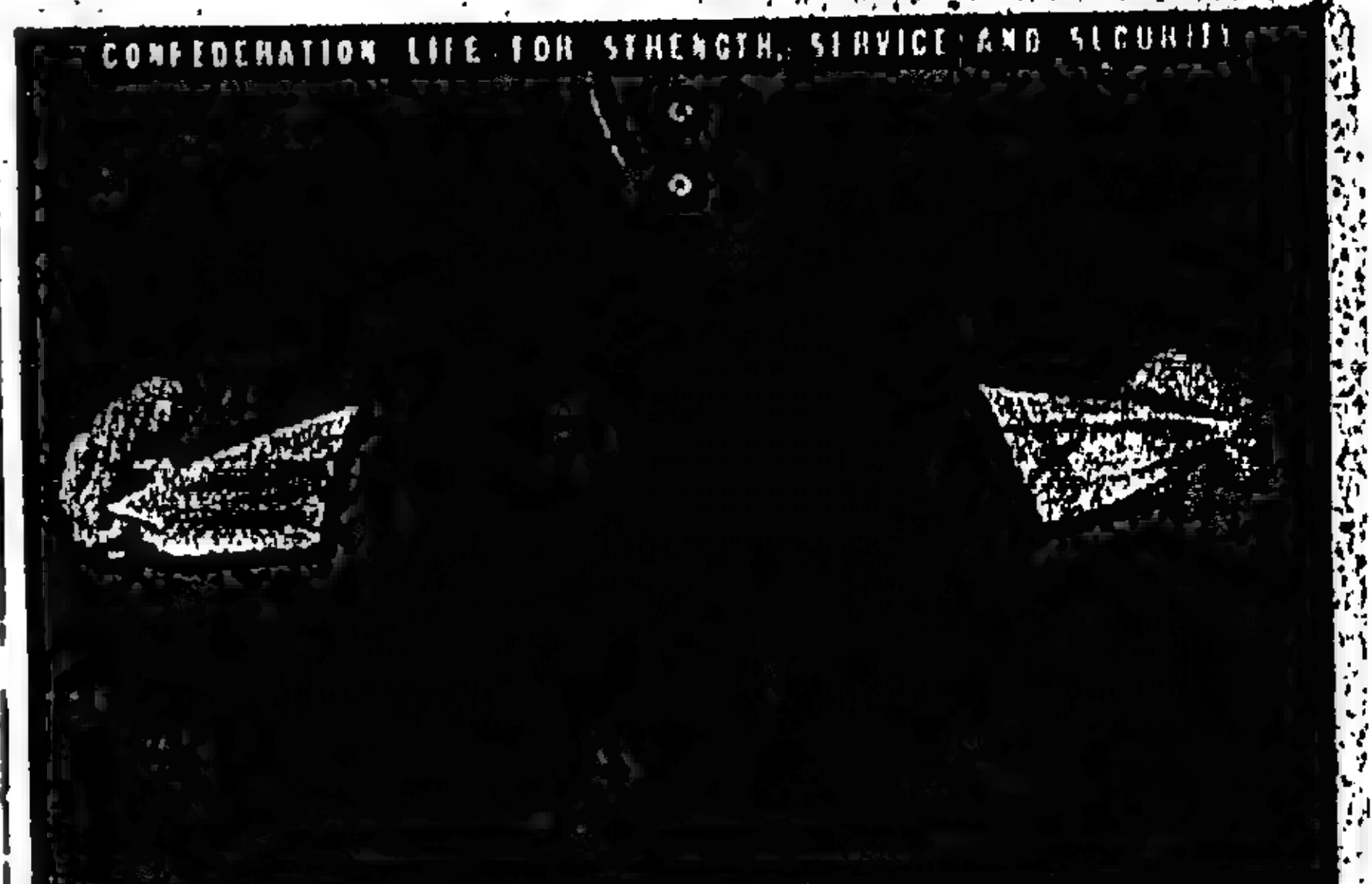
For the rest, the coming of the Jews has turned a stagnant Oriental backwater into a thriving modern community. The Jews have raised the level of wages several times over, and with it the whole standard of life of the Arab population. Thanks to the Jewish taxpayer, the Arabs have roads and social services which they could never have provided from their own resources.

One could not argue that the League, as it is to-day, would have the right to decide such an issue and override the will of the Arab princes. But in its first years it was the nearest approach to a court of all mankind that humanity has yet seen.

STAND BY THE MANDATE

What, then, should we wish the Government to do? Open the gates of Palestine to refugees from Germany as far as economic prudence permits and a little further. Then, if need be, it must face the Axis and its Arab tools, and defend those people whom the League has put under its charge.

It should help the Arab peasants constructively by a scheme of land purchase and irrigation for their sole benefit. That, rather than yielding to the terrorism of the landed magnates, is the way to make a contented Arab population.



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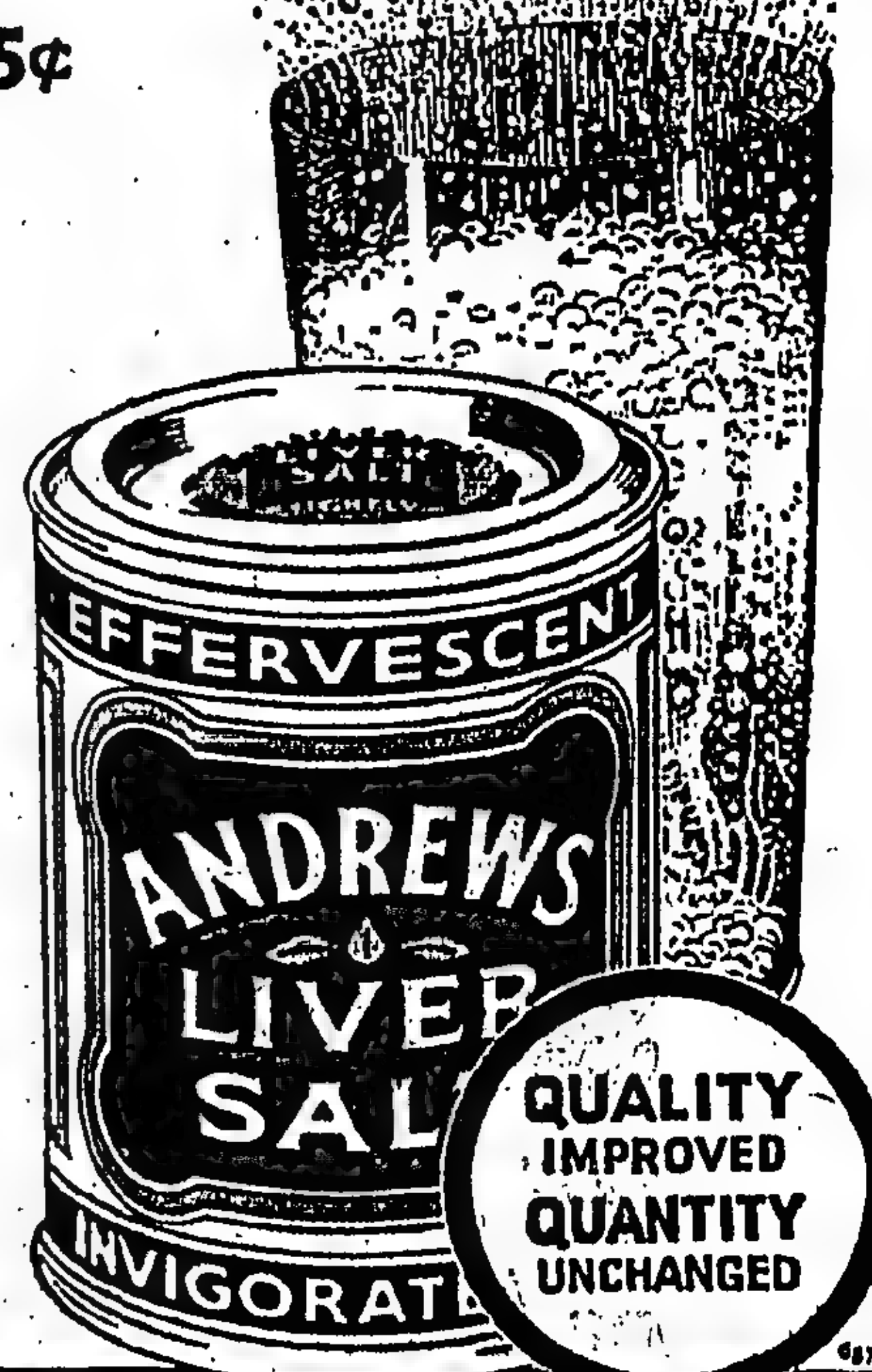
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Mussolini Is Afraid Of Everything Including Himself; Sees Enemies Everywhere, at Home and Abroad: Trembles at All Complications, Says

From Venice To Addis-Ababa

If a volcano had gushed forth in the Place de la Concorde or in Trafalgar Square, the British and the French could not have been more surprised than on hearing of the claims put forward by the Fascist Government a month after the recognition of its sovereignty in Abyssinia. Those who know Italy, on the contrary—about a dozen persons in all—are by no means astonished. I will try to explain what seems a paradox.

A glance at the map is sufficient. A power possessing Abyssinia and enclosed in the Mediterranean can only assure its imperial communications on two conditions: 1) the possession of Egypt and the Sudan; 2) to be strong enough in the Mediterranean itself not to fear that communications between the home territory and Egypt may be cut off by another power. The Suez Canal is an artificial and precarious route. The security of an empire cannot be allowed to hang on so brittle a thread.

Explanation In Geography

These geographical facts are the explanation of the whole Mediterranean policy of Italy since 1936. From the day on which the Italian troops entered Addis-Ababa, the Italian policy has been obsessed by the British and

French forces in the Mediterranean and by the danger they may present for the Italian communications.

It is in this obsession that drove Italy to invade Spain. The first question was merely to support a stroke of State policy which would have enabled Italy, through an alliance with the new Government, to dispose of the Balearic Islands in the event of a war with England or France; but things have moved—and Italy now contemplates definite occupation. It is this obsession which explains the Fascist Government's support of the Pan-Arab campaign in Palestine, Syria and North Africa—this obsession which caused it to raise the questions of Djibouti, Tunisia and Corsica. The object is always the same—to reinforce Italy and weaken France in the Mediterranean. In the last claims, there are other preoccupations combined with Italy's anxiety with regard to her imperial communications; but the first impetus to her incomprehensible policy was given by the latter.

Ever-Present Fear Of Attack

The reader may object that situations of this kind, fraught with danger for both parties, have often arisen in history. They have sometimes lasted for centuries, without giving rise to the perpetual agitation from which Italy seems to be suffering or to complexes which, if Italy persists, can but lead to war. But England and France have no intention of attacking Italy's imperial communications. They have shown this by recognising the Empire.

This is true. To take one example—before the French Revolution, Austria possessed two territories with which she had no common frontier—the Duchy of Milan and Belgium. These two possessions were far more important for her than is now Abyssinia for Italy. And yet she kept them in all peace and security up to the French Revolution, without the ever-present fear of a hypothetical attack.

Campo Formio And Waterloo

But Austria of the eighteenth century was an old legitimist Government, sure of its power, and the Europe over which her empire was scattered was a stabilised continent, governed by certain universally recognised principles of law. The solid foundations of power in the home territory, the regularity of inter-State relations reduced to reasonable and tolerable proportions that lack of confidence which always plays a certain part in international relations. But the Europe of our days has nothing in common with that of the old regime; it far more closely resembles that of the period between the Treaty of Campo Formio (1797) and Waterloo (1815). Many of her Governments are illegal governments, deriving their power from a stroke of State policy; Governments which are afraid of everything, including themselves; Governments which see enemies everywhere, at home and abroad; which fear their home gossip as they tremble at all complications, even the most improbable, inherent in the simplest relations between States.

History Repeating

This is why history is repeating itself. In 1803, France was in a much better position as regards her communications with the Italian Republic than Austria, before 1789, as far as Milan and Belgium were concerned. France possessed means of communications, though not very reliable, with her protectorate, whereas Austria had none with her provinces. But Buonaparte, in 1803, tore up the Treaty of Amiens, and embarked upon a general war which lasted 11 years and deprived France of all that she had gained by the Revolution. What was his reason? Invested with illegitimate power, which he was the first to fear—in the midst of an unstable and dislocated Europe—Buonaparte was obsessed by the idea of a conflict with Austria in the Po valley, in which France, owing to the dimnity of her means of communication, would

have been in a worse position than Austria after the annexation of Venetia. To improve his routes of communication, he annexed Plomb and cast the match into the powder-barrel.

Dangerous Activity

It is a feeling of the same kind that now drives the Fascist Government to its dangerous and feverish activity. Even in present circumstances, it seems hardly probable that there could be a war in the Mediterranean with France and England against Italy, to the detriment of the imperial communications of the latter. If Italy were governed as before the war and if Europe were in the same situation as then, Italy would only have envisaged this problematic danger as extremely 'improbable.' An illegitimate Government, which fears its own shadow, and is exposed to the dangers of a veering Europe, is capable of evoking the danger to the point of making it inevitable and immediate.

The conclusion to be drawn is that the conquest of Abyssinia may be the source of a world disaster, owing to the fact that it was achieved by violent means at a moment when Europe was in prey to disorder, distrust and fear. The fall of Abyssinia, a primitive and almost unknown country, had the effect of demolishing the laboriously edified system of the peace treaties of 1919 and of the League of Nations. It was the cause of the Spanish war, of the Anschluss and of the Munich agreements; it destroyed the

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balance in the Mediterranean; it may, in the near future, be the cause of serious conflicts in Europe, Asia and Africa.

Repetition Of Venice

All this seems strange, almost inconceivable, even to diplomats and statesmen. Our modern statesmen would be less at a loss and would have shown more foresight, if they had had a better knowledge of the history of Europe. The case of Abyssinia is merely a repetition of that of Venice. Compared with the European continent, Venice, at the end of the eighteenth century, was but a small state. Its destruction, ratified at Campo Formio, resulted in a war which lasted 19 years, and in the complete dislocation of Europe. This destruction of the Italian system resulted in that of the whole European complex. And the reason was the same: Venice was destroyed at a moment when Europe, in prey to anarchy, was completely obsessed by fear.

Away With Diplomatic Fictions

The readers of this article will probably ask whether I contemplate a war of 18 years. I hope not. But the time has come when some comprehension must be shown for the situation created in Europe, and particularly in the Mediterranean, by the fall of fear. The fall of Abyssinia, a primitive and almost unknown country, had the effect of demolishing the laboriously edified system of the peace treaties of 1919 and of the League of Nations. It was the cause of the Spanish war, of the Anschluss and of the Munich agreements; it destroyed the

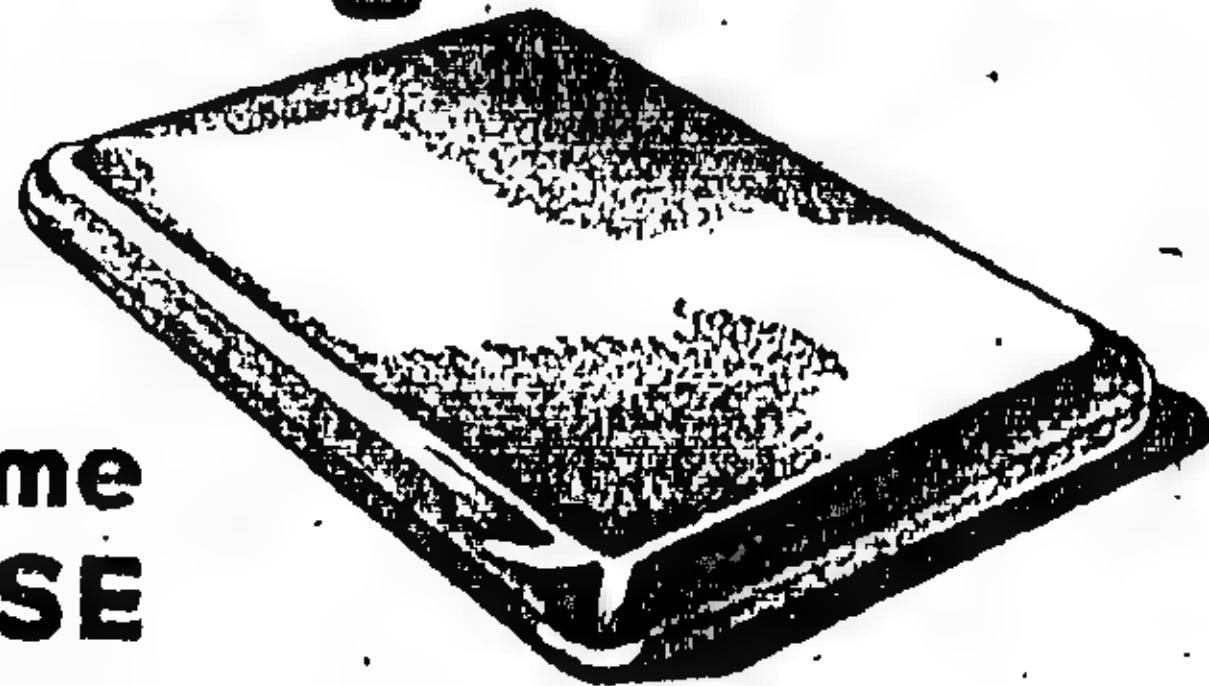
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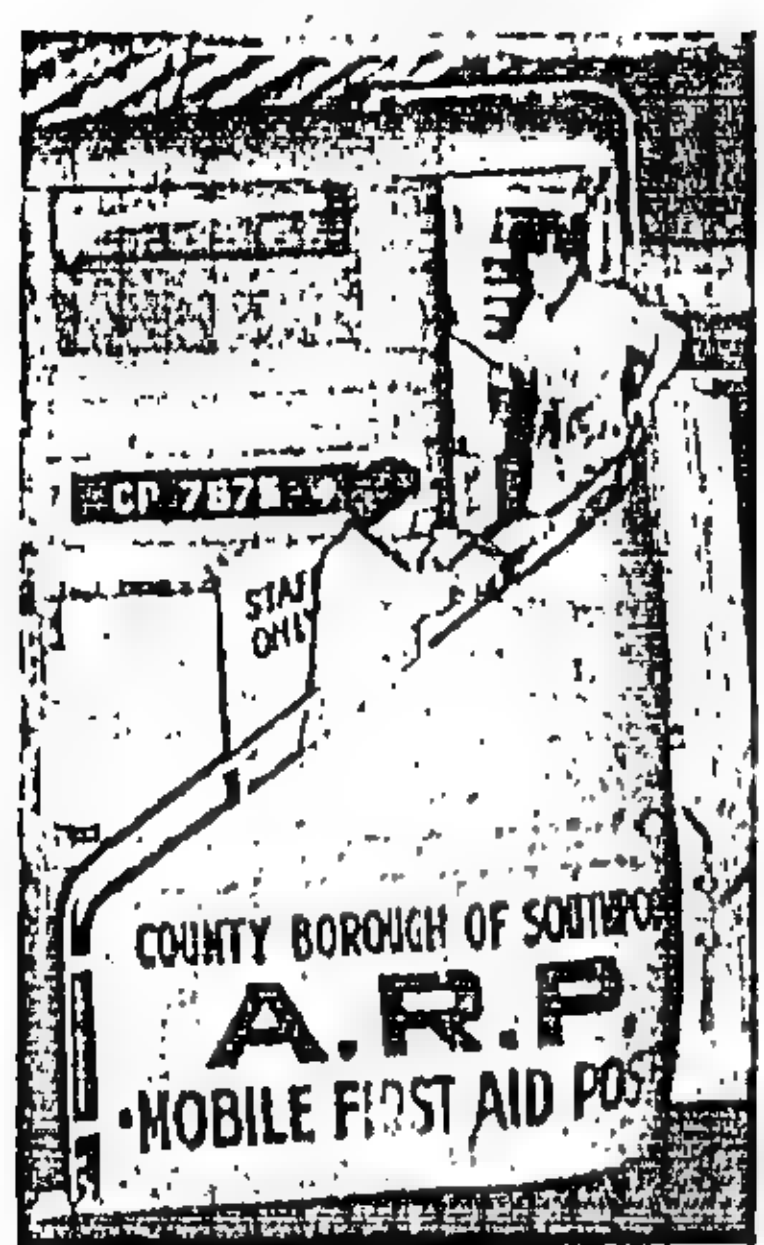
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America And King's Visit

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Palace Secretary Sent To Find Out

London, Yesterday.

A mission on which the whole success of the visit by the King and Queen to America may depend is being carried out by Mr. Alan Lascelles, Assistant Private Secretary to the King, who arrived secretly in New York a fortnight ago.

Officially his task is to supervise the arrangement of the programme for the King and Queen, who leave this country for Canada on May 10.

Actually he has been asked by the British Government to investigate and report on the tide of opposition to, and criticism of, the royal visit which has arisen in certain organs of the American Press.

Mr. Lascelles, who is a cousin of Lord Harewood, is endeavouring to find out who and what has inspired these attacks, if they represent truly any section of American opinion, and what measures can be taken to counter them.

IN ANOTHER NAME

Mr. Lascelles left England in the Queen Mary. Elaborate precautions were taken to prevent the fact of his journey becoming known until after his arrival in the States, and his passage was booked in another name.

Both the American and British authorities are anxious that no unfortunate publicity shall be allowed to mar the King's visit.

Mr. Lascelles in the course of the next two or three weeks will meet the editors of important American and Canadian papers to discuss the problem with them.

President Roosevelt himself is lending all his influence to support Mr. Lascelles.

Mr. Lascelles, discussing the problem of curtsying to the Queen, said in an interview: "Curtsying will be matter for individual discretion based on the customs of the United States."

Music Not Medicine

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McCall, guilty of kidnapping and killing Jimmy Cash, aged five, produced a four-page script from his pocket when placed in the chair.

Then, to the amazement of witnesses, he began, "Judas betrayed Christ for thirty pieces of silver. It would be interesting to know how much was received by those instrumental in perpetrating present-day cruelty."

"The Master died for a cause, while I die for nothing."

As the guard strapped him in the chair McCall preached on. Guards waited until McCall had finished. Then with the black hood over his face and a minister standing at his side, McCall recited the 23rd Psalm.

INFLATION IN JAPAN UNAVOIDABLE

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Inflation is to a certain extent unavoidable in Japan, admitted the new Minister of Finance, Mr. Ishiwatari, at a meeting of the Budget Committee of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Ishiwatari hastened to add that no harmful effects need be feared.

This statement has been interpreted as meaning that in consequence of the war a decrease in the purchasing power of the yen is to be expected, but that the Japanese Government is in a position to set a limit to this internal monetary depreciation:—Trans-Ocean.

Umbrella Not Peace In Her Hand

Paris, Yesterday.

An umbrella—it is on the way to being made a symbol of peace or of surrender, according to people's views—became a very effective weapon in the hands of Madame Alice Cannevas, an elderly Parisian woman.

Returning home she was attacked by three young men who alighted from a car and tried to snatch her handbag.

Using her umbrella as a stick she administered a severe blow to the nose of one of her aggressors, who yelled with pain. Then she hit the two others on the head so severely that they retreated and all drove away in the car—a stolen one.—Our Own Correspondent.



EVERYTHING STOPS FOR TEA — EVEN IN THE ARMY. Nearly 70 riders from all parts of the country took part in the Territorial Army motorcycle trial in the Sheffield district on February 28. The course of the trial was controlled by five wireless detachments of the 49th (Wireless Reserve) Divisional Signals and between Ringinglow and Fox House the riders wore gas-masks. Photo shows two riders stopping for a cup of tea on the road—who wouldn't, with two waitresses like these.

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Conclave In A Divided Europe

EUROPE, under the old regime, counted two monarchical republics. One of them failed on account of its electoral system, namely the Polish republic with its very noisy and exasperated diets, where all the nobles assembled to elect the King. The other owed its salvation to its electoral system—this republic was the Holy See. With its age-old patience, the Roman Catholic Church has constantly endeavored to isolate the papal elections from any disturbance and pressure, from any risk of schism, and from any campaign in respect of the vote. As a matter of fact, there is no assembly in which, to my knowledge, the voting secrecy is assured as completely as in a conclave.

The documents concerning each election and even each stage of an election are destroyed by fire; the chronicles of the old Rome of the Popes reflect the entire interest of the Romans for the *Sfumata*, the little trail of smoke which the people assembled in the square of St. Peter watch rising over that roof sheltering the sixty electors come from all corners of the world, and sequestered from all contacts during the period of the election.

Each cardinal receives a document worded as follows:
Ego Cardinal . . . eligo in
Summum Pontificem . . . R.D.
meum D. Cardinalem . . .

All that he has to do is to add after *ego Cardinal* his name, and, at the end, the name of his candidate. He affixes a wax seal to his bulletin, but a seal that is not his own. He deposits it—if the conclave is held in the Sixtine Chapel—on the altar below the Judgment of Michael-Angelo, where this formidable artist has depicted the *inferno* of provocation.

One of the factors of external pressure in the conclaves consisted in the right of veto exercised by three Catholic Powers—Austria, Spain and France. The three last vetoes emitted since 1800, i.e. the last manifestations of an impertinent political immixtion in the affairs of the Church at the moment of the Papal elections were the work of Imperial Austria, alleged to be a Christian

State, whereas, in reality, the *Hofburg* was a hotbed of a cold and formalist religion constituted by the Emperors of Vienna as an instrument of their sovereignty. It was at the Venice Conclave of 1800 (Venice had been chosen in order to eliminate the French vote and to permit the Conclave being held under the auspices of friendly Powers) that the Austrian Cardinal Herzan succeeded in imposing the veto of the Empire. And it was at the conclave of 1823, which elected Leo XII, that Austria, once again, vetoed the election of Cardinal Severoli, whom she considered as too "Italian," but who commanded the largest number of votes.

The last and most recent veto was one of the most dramatic. At the conclave of 1903 which had to elect a successor to Leo XIII, the favourite was Cardinal Rampolla. At the moment when, following a certain number of ballots, his election appeared certain to all, the Cardinal Bishop of Cracow, Mgr. Puzyna, rose from his seat. His colleagues, appalled, fully realised what was happening: "Nomine et auctoritate Suae Majestatis Apostolicae Francisci Josephi—" he began, and, in short and somewhat confused terms, announced the veto "contra Eminentissimum Dominum meum Cardinalem Marianum Rampolla del Tindaro".

But Puzyna was appalled in his turn when, in the silence of the conclave, the Sicilian cardinal rose from his seat, and pale and dignified, replied to him, also in Latin: "I sincerely regret such a serious attack upon the liberty of the Church and the dignity of the Holy College—but, in my opinion, no greater honour could have been shown me."

Leo XIII's successor, Pius X, was a humble and holy priest, incapable of any regard for political circumstances. Elected Pope owing to the exclusion of Rampolla by the Conclave, one of his first bulls, the *Commisus nobis*, suppressed all right of veto on the part of the secular governments and forbade any cardinal or member of the Conclave, on pain of ex-communication, to accept from any government an order to pre-

sent a veto at a future conclave. Chateaubriand, ambassador of France in Rome at the moment of the 1823 Conclave, which elected the successor to Leo XII, wrote to the French Foreign Minister as follows: "There are three things which must no longer be taken into account for the Papal elections: women's intrigues, and the

BY
COUNT SFORZA
Former Italian Foreign
Minister

steps taken by ambassadors and courts". But he was an ardent Catholic. He added: "They are no longer elected in the interest of the general welfare, but in that of the families hoping to gain money and situations from the election of the head of the Church."

It is probable that, even in 1823, Chateaubriand exaggerated the importance of the conversations heard in the salons of the Colonna and the Orsini. . . . The principal failing of ambassadors was then as now the excessive importance they attached to the sayings and doings of society, and Chateaubriand himself, despite his perspicacity, was not exempt from this failing.

However this may be, the interest of the great families of Rome disappeared, quite naturally, with the fall of the temporal power. Similarly, it is thanks to the fall of the temporal power that Pius X succeeded in abolishing the right of veto. One of the largest minded and most courageous men of the Church, Cardinal Mathieu, admitted this almost implicitly when writing just after the world war: "The Conclaves of a united Italy have been infinitely freer than the others."

The Conclave of 1939 was short. This, in order to escape from an atmosphere of international insecurity. It is unnecessary to at-

tach too much importance to this reason, but it is certain that it counts for something. At Viterbo, in 1270, the citizens walled up all the issues from the palace where the cardinals were assembled for two years for the election of a successor to Clement IV deceased in 1268; it was at that moment that the word conclave—*cum clave* (under key) was born. Even quite recently, the conclaves lasted too long. The successor of Pius VI, captive of the Directorate, was only elected after three months of discussions and ballots; as a matter of fact, the cardinals, tired out, ended by appointing the Benedictine Chiaromonte, the well-intentioned and weak Pope Pius VII, who became the prisoner of Napoleon.

But, after Pius IX, the only Pope whose pontificate exceeded the traditional term of years of St. Peter, conclaves were short. That of 1878 when Leo XII was elected as successor to Pius IX only lasted two days; those of Pius X in 1903 and of Benedict XV in 1914, three days. This conclave ended in one day.

All is short and rapid at the present day, except our wars. The brevity of the conclave can also be explained by the state of mind of the cardinals; in the olden days, departure for a conclave meant a long absence from their diocese, and they took the necessary measures; the conclave was an important event in their life. But, at present, with the increasing rapidity of means of transport, it is only a passing phase; when locked up in the Vatican, each of them hopes to return to his diocese as soon as possible.

In the course of the 18th century and the first half of the 19th, historians and memorialists have split much ink on the factions dividing the cardinals meeting in conclave. At present, there is much talk in France concerning an Italian faction in the Holy College. It is true that the majority of the cardinals are Italian; that not only have all Popes been Italian for four centuries, but that most of the nuncios and Vatican congregations are also Italian. But it is also true that these

men believe, in all sincerity, that they are at present the best qualified to steer the vessel of the Church through the numerous shoals. As a matter of fact, if we exclude French and Germans and nationals of the smaller countries (and this seems natural in this critical period), and if we exclude the Spanish whose accession to the throne of St. Peter is barred by the spilling of too much blood, the only action left is that of the Anglo-Saxon cardinals. I know many of these holy and learned men, but it would seem that their time has not yet come, although I am certain that, one day, perhaps in a not too distant future if Europe continues to decline, we shall see an American, or more probably, a Canadian Pope; the advantage of the Canadian over the American is to belong to both worlds—the new and the old.

In reality, as long as the choice continues to fall upon an Italian Pope, this will be not for national but for super-national reasons; it is because, notwithstanding the S.H.—CONCLAVE IN A . . . (2) factions of Fascism, the Italian people is the most universal of all. This is its weakness and its greatness. This is due to its history, with the ideals and regrets of the Empire in the first place, of the Roman Catholic Church next. If in the course of the centuries, the Italians have so bitterly judged their own history, even in the glorious age of Florence and Dante, this is because they were too deeply aware of the gulf by which they were separated from the ideal of the Pax Romana. Not imperialism but universalism. But there can be no doubt that the Italians who have arrived at the highest point of the Catholic hierarchy can only be what they have been made by a century-old tradition. They are universalists. They somewhat resemble—while loving the land whose language is their own—those great statesmen and soldiers of Italy who generously aided France, Spain and Germany in the past. . . .

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BROWN CUP

H.K. LADIES JUST BEAT RECREIO "B"

Though fielding only 10 players, Hong Kong Ladies defeated Recreio "B" in their Brown Cup encounter at Happy Valley yesterday by a goal scored in the first half by Miss V. Blackburn.

The winners were decidedly the better side and had the better of the exchanges for the greater part of the match. Miss S. Bankett, Hong Kong Ladies' goalkeeper, not having to save a shot.

The rain made the surface of the ground slippery, and the sudden turf prevented the game from being played at a fast pace. The winners suited themselves better to the conditions and were stronger in their clearance, Recreio being woefully weak and erratic in their hitting, only Miss T. Gonsalves and Mrs. C. Silva being up to their usual form.

Recreio would have suffered a greater defeat but for the brilliant display of their defence.

Miss C. Silva played one of her best games in goal this season and saved several good shots. In the second half she was prominent when she saved two good efforts at the expense of corners.

Miss T. Gonsalves and Mrs. C. Silva were a steady pair of backs, the latter, after a prolonged absence from the game, being sound in her clearance and tackling.

Recreio forward line did not show the same dash which marked their game against C.B.S. last week. Miss L. Rodrigues was starved throughout the game, and it was only in the closing stages of the game that she received any passes. Miss M. Campos, centre-forward, tried hard but she was up against Miss G. Swan, who played very steadily throughout, while Miss C. Remedios and Miss Rozario, on the left wing, did not combine as well as usual.

Hong Kong Ladies were well served by a strong intermediate line, in which Miss G. Swan, at centre-half, shone.

The two backs, Miss J. Weller and Miss O. Green, were able to deal with the rare Recreio raids with ease and covered each other to very good purpose.

At forward, Miss R. Smalley and Miss V. Blackburn were always dangerous, while on the left wing Miss N. Quinn had the opposing half in difficulties when she runs down the wing. Mrs. R. R. Davies performed well on the right wing and sent over several good centres.

Hong Kong Ladies—Miss S. Bankett; Miss J. Weller and Mrs. O. Green; Miss D. Baker, Miss G. Swan and Miss R. Steers; Mrs. R. R. Davies, Miss R. Smalley, Miss V. Blackburn and Miss N. Quinn.

OPEN HALF MILE

An Open 880 Yards event will be included in the Annual Sports programme of Hong Kong University on Saturday next, commencing at 1.30 p.m., on the University ground, Pokfulam Road.



Mr. E. S. Ho, seen here being led in by Sir Victor Sassoon after his 1937 Derby triumph over Expansion Time, went lame yesterday morning during training. Second to Bear Claw in the 1937 Easter Stakes and winner of the 1937 Hong Kong St. Leger, from Expansion Time, this 3,987 stakes winner did not race during 1938, but was expected to take part in the 1939 season. Now, it is unlikely to be seen in action during the first half.

LADIES' INTERPORT HOCKEY FORWARD PROBLEM

OUTSTANDING feature of to-day's sports programme is the final ladies' interport hockey trial, which will be held on the Royal Navy ground, King's Park, commencing at 10.15 a.m., weather permitting.

At the moment, the goalkeeper, three backs and four halves have already been selected, and the selectors' task this morning will be confined to selection of the five forwards and reserves.

There will be actually three right-wingers on view to-day as Miss Jean Greig, who plays for Hong Kong Ladies' juniors, will probably fill this berth in one of the two halves to-day. The other two are Mrs. O. Burnett, who played on the right-wing in the last Interport against Shanghai in 1936, and Miss Jenn Ewing, of Central British Association.

Of these three Mrs. Burnett is the likely choice in view of her past experience and splendid C.B. Cup record. Miss Greig has played with conspicuous success as a centre-forward for Hong Kong Ladies' Brawn Cup team, while Miss Ewing has been fairly consistent for C.B.A. Ladies.

V. Carvalho, Miss M. Campos, Miss A. Rozario and Miss C. Remedios. BROWN CUP TABLE TO DATE

Recreio "A" . . . 13 11 1 26 7 23
H.K. Ladies . . . 12 10 2 26 7 23
Searforth L. . . 13 8 4 28 20 17
D.G. School . . . 10 6 2 18 6 14
"Y" Ladies . . . 12 3 6 31 21 9
C.B. School . . . 12 4 8 25 27 8
C.B.A. Ladies . . . 12 5 3 31 24 7
Recreio "B" . . . 12 1 8 3 6 27 5
St. Andrew's . . . 10 0 9 1 6 28 1

OTHER GAMES CANCELLED

All other hockey games scheduled for yesterday were postponed due to the rain.

The inside right-berth will be contested by Miss B. Harker ("Y" Ladies) and Miss M. Booker (C. B. A. Ladies), and of these two the former looks like securing honours.

The choice for the inside-right berth will probably also have a say in the selection of the right-winger for Miss Harker plays together with Mrs. Burnett, while Miss Booker partners Miss Ewing in the League.

There is little doubt in hockey circles at the moment as to the obvious choice for the centre-forward berth. Mrs. M. Read gave a really outstanding performance last Sunday morning and should be selected without hesitation. The same could be said of Mrs. Akroyd, whose thrustfulness and scoring ability should be taken note of for the inside-left position.

Little improvement can be made on Miss M. Westcott for choice of a left-winger, though the other contender for this position is the versatile Miss D. Hunt.

The following players are requested to be on the ground at 10 a.m.: Mrs. J. Lumsden (H.K. Ladies), Miss G. White (St. Andrew's), Miss A. Fowler ("Y" Ladies), Mrs. M. W. Mot (Searforth L.), Mrs. I. Stone ("Y" Ladies), Miss I. Woollie (C.B.A. Ladies), Miss H. Reid (St. Andrew's L.), Miss B. Greaves (D.G. School), Mrs. M. Read ("Y" Ladies), Miss M. Westcott ("Y" Ladies), Miss D. Hunt (C.B.A. Ladies), Miss J. Greig (H.K. Ladies), Miss J. Ewing (C.B.A. Ladies), Mrs. W. Daniel (H.K. Ladies), Miss M. Harker ("Y" Ladies), Miss I. Buchanan ("Y" Ladies), Miss M. Booker (C.B.A. Ladies) and Mrs. O. Burnett ("Y" Ladies).

Enquiries were made yesterday morning concerning the South China players, and it was learned that Fung King-cheng, Leung Wing-chiu and Leung Wing-chiu were almost certain to accept, while Lee Wai-tong and Tam Kwan-kon, who both work for the same firm, would not be able to give an answer until March 26. It is felt, however, that both will be able to go.

GOSANO DOUBTFUL. A. V. Gosano and E. Strange are uncertainties, although it is hoped that they both will be able to obtain the necessary leave.

Outstanding feature of the selection is that practically every player can fill more than one position with credit. Leung Wing-chiu can play in any position in the intermediate line and, if need be, at full-back, while Courtney is excellent as both a half-back or an inside-forward. Gosano has played in every position in the team, including goalkeeper. Freshwater, actually a very good right-half, has also played on the right-wing with equal success, while Ernie Strange is a half-back or forward.

INTERESTING CONDITIONS. When the Manila Interport team were here, conversations were held between Mr. V. Calvo, the visiting manager, and members of H.K.F.A. Management Committee, when the following points regarding the Manila Interport were provisionally agreed on:

1. The duration of the Interport game shall be 90 minutes, or 70 minutes at least.

Brown Injured In Final And P & O Play 6

To-day's Selections For Kwanti

The following are to-day's selections for Kwanti:

RACE NO. 1

EBONY IDOL
DIOPHONES
ZERO

RACE NO. 2

TEVIOTDALE
SPARK PLUG
CAPE YORK

RACE NO. 3

MORTMAIN
JACK O'LANERN
MARCH BROWN

RACE NO. 4

BLACK DIAMOND
CALIENTITO
AVALON

RACE NO. 5

GOLD SOVEREIGN
PLAIN VIEW
CUBAN LOVE

C.R.C. ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Chinese Recreation Club will be held this afternoon at the Clubhouse, Causeway Bay, commencing at 4 p.m.

Bidwell And Taylor Two Best Players On View

A LARGE gathering, including their Excellencies the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and the G.O.C., Major-General A. E. Grasset, yesterday afternoon witnessed a thrilling series of matches in the Blarney Stone Rugby Seven-Side Tournament, which Police Rugby Union Football Club, making their first representative appearance in a Colony tournament, won by beating six P. and O. Building men by a goal and a try (8 points) to a try (3 points).

P. and O. Building and Another, which will hereafter be referred to as P. and O., were very unfortunate to lose the services of J. T. Brown, their full-back—he was the one and only casualty of the series—who broke his forearm, just below the wrist, in the second minute of the first half.

Forced to play with one three-quarter and one back, P. and O. gave a magnificent and heroic performance and only a late try by Taylor, hero of the Police team, turned the tide against them.

Had P. and O. been at full strength they would probably have emerged winners, for Police were a beaten team as regards stamina fully five minutes before the end of the game, and only a lucky breakaway gave them victory.

To Bidwell must be given special mention for his magnificent part in P. and O.'s path to the Final. His 80 yards run to score a grand try against Small Ships "A" in the semi-final round was one of the outstanding features of the afternoon, while his tackling against Taylor, the giant Police back, is worthy of special mention as he saved two certain tries, one in each half.

Handling of the slippery ball was very difficult, although there were occasions when brilliant handling was witnessed, Coughlan taking a pass almost at his feet to evade two Sappers to score a grand try between the posts.

Royal Engineers, winners of the Army Seven-A-Side Tournament, were eliminated by Ordnance Corps after extra time, after a very hard struggle in which no quarter was given.

BANK EXTEND P. & O.

P. and O. were fully extended by Hong Kong Bank in the opening match of the afternoon and only managed to scrape through in the first two minutes of the extra period by a try (3 points), scored by Grievie near the corner flag, to nil.

Excellent handling and kicking by Bidwell, fine work in the lineouts by Austin and dangerous running by Day were main features of this match.

Just before the interval Banks' supporters were brought to attention when Day cut through and then sent Tavernier away, but five yards from the goal-line Bidwell tackled brilliantly to prevent a score, the ball rolling over the dead ball line.

The second half was much a repetition of the first, Brown being penalised for offside, but Watson's attempt to kick a penalty goal failed. No side arrived with the score sheet blank.

The opening minute of extra time saw P. and O. press strongly and within the next minute a quick heel and brilliant pass by Welch to Grievie saw the latter evade Carruthers and score an unconverted try near the corner flag.

P. and O. and Another: J. T. Brown; H. D. Bidwell and W. E. Grievie; P. Welch; C. Austin, W. E. Peters and G. M. Marks.

H.K. Bank: M. G. Carruthers; D. G. Day and A. H. R. Butcher; E. L. Tavernier; E. A. Bompas, J. S. Dunnett and K. A. Watson.

SMALL SHIPS WIN

Although the opening minutes of the second encounter were fraught with excitement, Small Ships "A" gradually exerted their superiority over 6th A.A. "A" to win by three tries (9 points) to nil after an interval of three points.

Polkington and Bucknall were the most dangerous of the Ships' backs, although Ashton's tackling came in very valuable in the early stages of the game. Page worked very hard in the Gunners' back division.

Ashton was given the ball on several occasions by Clarke, but politeness on his part nearly gave Gunners a win. He made partial amends just before the interval when Clarke broke through to send him over for an unconverted try wide of the posts.

In the early stages of the second half Ashton gathered a punt and kicked down the field for Bucknall to follow up and dribble over Gunners' line for a score. Just before the end Anderson secured possession from a lineout to score an unconverted try near the corner flag.

Small Ships "A": Tol. Polkington; Harry; L. Bucknall and Sub. L. Ashton; L. G. Clarke; L. Anderson; L. (E) Brown and A. B. Bowerman; 5th A.A. "A": Sgt. Page; Gnr. Giblin and Gnr. Easterbrook; Gnr. Harding; Gnr. Whitehead, L/Br. Evans and Gnr. Clark.

ARMY HOLDERS LOSE

Royal Engineers, strengthened by the return of Moxham, Jones and Walte, nearly entered the semi-final round, but a lapse by their backs late in the second half gave Ordnance Corps an opportunity of levelling the scores and they eventually secured the winning try during extra time. They won by two tries (6 points) to a try (3 points) after a pointless first half.

Coughlan and Lang were outstanding for Ordnance Corps, defending stoutly and making the most of their opportunities, while Walte, for Sappers, tried very hard to break through on his own but found the odds too heavy.

In the second half Sappers were again on top during the early stages and from a short scrum Jones scrambled over for an unconverted try. Sappers then became careless and Boustead secured possession and levelled the scores with a good try. "No side" found the scores level.

In the first minute of extra period Emberson raced away to give Ordnance Corps victory with an unconverted try.

A.O.C.: Cpl. Emberson; Bdr. Coughlan and L/Sgt. Lang; Pte. Leach; Lt. Bolton, L/Cpl. Boustead and Lt. Macpherson.

Fortress R.E.: Spr. Moxham; Spr. Jones and L/Cpl. Hughes; L/Cpl. Walte; Spr. Apperley, Spr. Pyke and Cpl. Brinkley.

POLICE LEAVE IT LATE

Despite the fact that they had

SEVENS RESULTS

The following are the complete results of the Blarney Stone Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament.

FIRST ROUND:

P. and O. beat Police "B" 10-3. Hong Kong Bank beat 6th J.V. Regt. 5-0.

5th A.A. Regt. "A" beat Middlesex "B" 3-0.

Small Ships "A" beat Rest of Club 18-0.

R.A.O.C. beat 5th A.A. Regt. "B" 8-3.

R.E. beat Small Ships "B" 16-3. Middlesex "A" beat Talkoo 6-3.

Police "A" beat H.M.S. Birmingham 6-3.

P. and O. beat Hong Kong Bank 3-0.

Small Ships "A" beat 6th A.A. "A" 9-0.

R.A.O.C. beat R.E. 6-3.

Police "A" beat Middlesex "A" 11-3.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND: P. and O. beat Small Ships "A" 11-3.

Police "A" beat R.A.O.C. 5-3.

FINAL: Police "A" beat P. and O. 8-3.

more of the play and certainly more opening, Police were unable to secure a victory until well into the first period of extra time, when Taylor secured the winning try. Police won by two tries (6 points) to a try (3 points).

After several earlier efforts had failed through faulty handling and erratic passing, a quick heel and pass to Wilson saw the latter transfer to Taylor, who, from the halfway mark, handed off two "Die-Hards" to score a grand try near the posts which he failed to convert. Courtney then broke away to level the scores with a good try following a long dribble.

Two penalties featured the extra period, but both Taylor and Freshwater, for Police and Middlesex respectively, failed to score. Shortly before the change-over, however, Taylor went over for the winning try. Police "A": D. H. Taylor; G. S. Wilson and B. C. Fay; E. C. Ludcombe; H. W. E. Heath; L. A. Searle and L. Oakley.

Middlesex "A": P.S.M. Ramsay; Pte. Ferguson and Lt. Man; Cpl. Freshwater; L/Cpl. Gillman, Lt. Hewitt and Pte. Courtney.

Semi-Finals

BIDWELL'S GREAT TRY. Although the score of a goal and two tries (11 points) to a try (3 points) suggests overwhelming P. and O. superiority over Small Ships, the former were fully extended by the Ships' team and had to take what few chances came their way to score.

Outstanding feature of the game was Bidwell's fine game at full-back, and his magnificent 90 yards run to score between the posts for Grievie to add the goal points.

Ashton, for Small Ships, improved considerably in attack and defence while Bucknall and Polkington rendered valuable assistance.

Welch, P. and O.'s scrum-half, gave magnificent service from the base of the scrum and handled the slippery ball extraordinarily well.

After several opportunities had failed through delayed distribution of the ball, Grievie forced his way over for an unconverted try.

The opening stages of the second half were fraught with excitement. Ashton, Clarke and Bucknall were all dangerous and at one time threatened to score, but from a scrum five yards from P. and O.'s goal-line, Welch dodged Clarke and sent the ball to Bidwell, who averted round Polkington and raced over between the posts. Grievie converted to give P. and O. a lead of 8 points.

Almost in the next minute, however, Bucknall dribbled over from a lineout to reduce the Ships' arrears, but Grievie and Bidwell placed the issue beyond doubt when the former burst through to send Bidwell over for an unconverted try.

ORDNANCE SCORE FIRST. Police entered the Final at the expense of R.A.O.C. by a goal (6 points) to a try (3 points) after being in arrears at the interval through no fault but their own.

Faulty passing and wild running saw many of their scoring chances spoiled and it was only magnificent work in the loose by Fay, Heath and Oakley which eventually turned the tables and paved the way for Wilson's winning try.

The early part of the first half saw Ordnance on top, with Emberson and Lang very prominent. Just before the interval, Leach got the ball away to Lang and the latter transferred badly to Coughlan, who, however, held the ball almost at his feet to side-step Wilson and Taylor and score near the posts. Boustead failed to convert.

Fay, Heath and Oakley were featured in several loose dribbles in the second half, from one of which Wilson came up to boot the ball ahead and win the race to the ball for a score wide of the posts, which Fay improved on amidst terrific Police jubilation.

The Final

Although faced by the most formidable pair of centre three-quarters in the Colony, Police "A" stood up to their task against P. and O. in the Final with indomitable courage, and although it cannot truthfully be said that they were the better team, they would nevertheless have given P. and O. a very good run for their money had the latter retained their full edge throughout.

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Win Betting Tickets Average per race	\$1,806.85	\$2,283.51	\$2,412.52
Daily Double Tickets Average per race	2806	2914	3185
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Placed Owners	88	89	89

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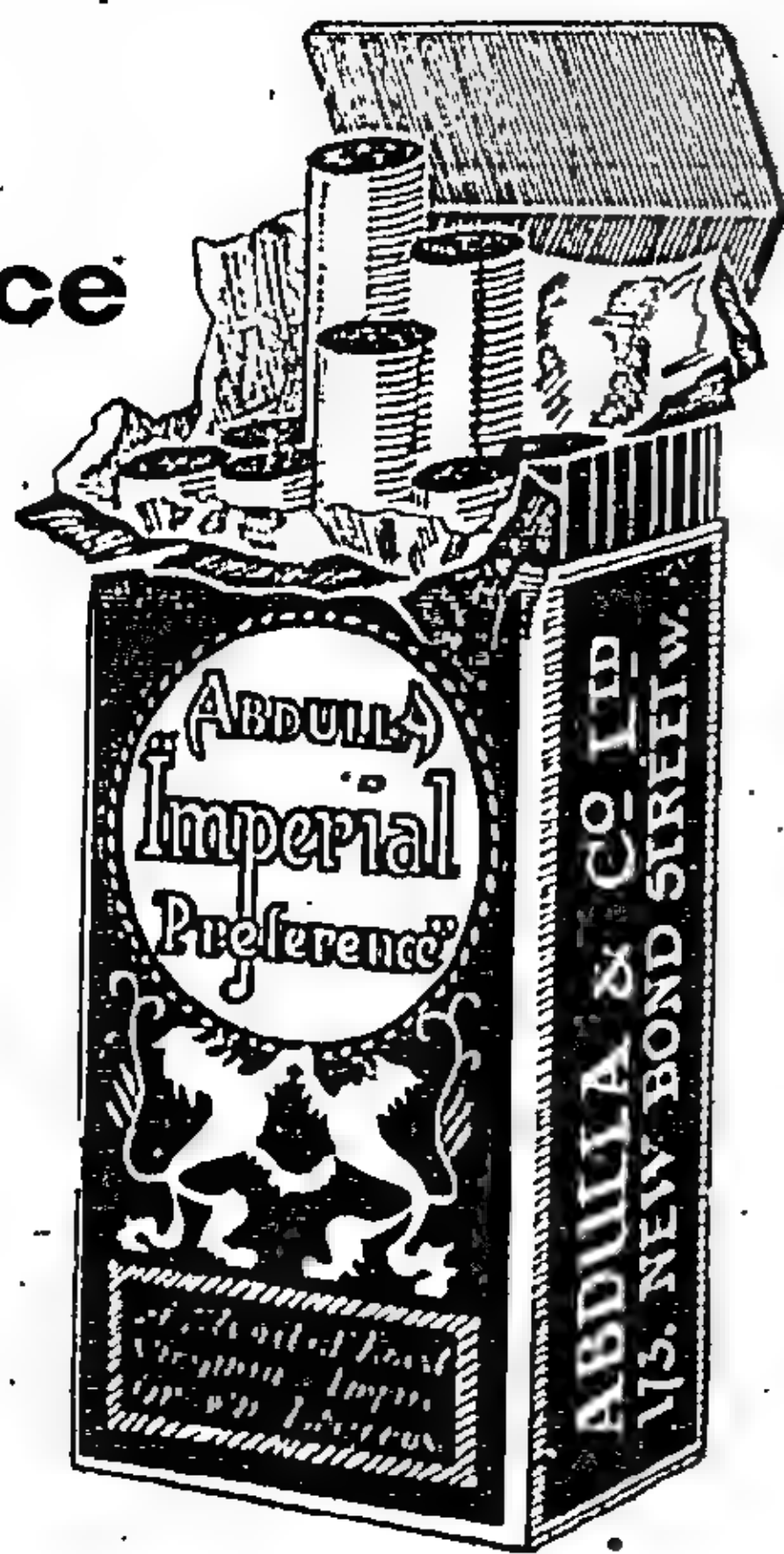
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DUCKPINS RECORD?

What is probably a women's duck-pins record in China and the Philippines was established at Hong Kong Bowling Alley yesterday, when Mrs. E. Soong chalked up a score of 168.

TO-DAY'S SOFTBALL

The following is to-day's Softball League programme, weather permitting:

MEN'S LEAGUE
Second Play-Off
v Recrelo
(Recrelo, 11 a.m.)
WOMEN'S LEAGUE
C. Chincac v Filipino
(Filipino Club, 10 a.m.)
Panthers v Wildcats
(Filipino Club, 11.30 a.m.)
INTER-HONG LEAGUE
Green-Spots v Union Insurance
(La Salle, 11.15 a.m.)
Chartered Bank v R.A.F.
(R.A.F., 2.30 p.m.)
American Express v Texaco
(Filipino Club, 1.30 a.m.)
Shell v Socomy
(C.B.A., 2.30 p.m.)
Dutch Bank v Kai Tak Civil
(Kai Tak, 2.30 p.m.)
Ewo v National City Bank
(Kai Tak, 4 p.m.)

Rugby

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The early injury to Brown, who broke his arm just above the wrist in the second minute of the game in falling on the ball to frustrate a Police rush, left P. and O. in an unenviable position.

Although opposing only six men, Police had their work cut out, particularly the scrum-half and backs, for whenever Grieve had possession Bidwell came racing up to take the pass.

This was Taylor's match and although two of his efforts to score met with disaster as a result of brilliant tackling by Bidwell, his final effort was all that was needed to turn possible defeat into victory.

The first half opened thrillingly. Taylor broke away and looked certain to score until Bidwell tackled him five yards from the goal-line to prevent a try. Then Fay came into the picture with a grand dribble for almost 60 yards, Welch overtaking him to kick over the dead-ball line for a 5 yard scrum. The ball came out to Grieve, whose attempt to find touch was spoiled by a poor kick and no advantage was gained, a lineout being taken five yards from P. and O.'s goal-line. Henth gained possession in the jump for the ball and fell over for the first try, which Fay failed to improve upon.

The second half saw Police threatening dangerously, and Taylor broke clean through a second time, but was again deprived of a try by Bidwell, who tackled magnificently a few feet from his goal-line.

Soon after P. and O. pressed and the ball came out to Grieve who "dummed" and then transferred to Bidwell, who had come up on his outside. Bidwell evaded Fay's tackle and then answered round Lumscombe to score a very good try between the posts. Grieve, however, failed to convert.

With barely two minutes to go Wilson cut through and looked like scoring when Grieve tackled him from behind, Taylor, who had been following up slowly and with nobody behind him for at least 30 yards, took the ball, which had gone loose when Wilson was tackled, at his feet and eventually scored near the posts for Fay to add the goal points.

After the game His Excellency the Governor presented the Blarney Stone Shield to G. S. Wilson, captain of the Police team.

Pryde Shows He Has Makings Of Really Outstanding Athlete

DULL, depressing weather, with intermittent drizzle, did not detract from the keenness shown at the annual sports of Central British School, held yesterday on the School ground.

A large gathering of parents, friends and past pupils of the school followed each event with great interest, and excitement was keen until the final event of the afternoon.

The inter-House Cup was won easily by Blue House with 152 points, although Red House came along nicely towards the end and finished a good second.

Individually, B. Wilson, of Blue House, scored the greatest number of points and became the proud possessor of the Victor Ludorum trophy for boys, while A. Smith, who won practically every event she entered for, was easily the outstanding girl competitor.

Finest results of the afternoon, however, were returned by W. Pryde, who has all the hall-marks of a first-class athlete. Having a fine action, which would have been even more effective if he had made more use of his arms, Pryde won the Quarter Mile in fine style, and later was successful in the Mile, winning from N. Smith by over 200 yards in the comparatively fast time of 5 minutes, 11 seconds.

Both the relays provided thrilling finishes. For the girls, A. Smith, running last, took over the baton at least 10 yards behind the Chocolate House string, but displayed a great burst of speed to cap an excellent afternoon's work by winning by two yards.

Pryde was featured in a similar finish in the boys' event. Following the sports, the prizes were distributed in the Great Hall by Mr. C. G. Solis, Director of Education.

The following are the results:

RESULTS
50 Yards
Junior Boys:—1, F. Langley; 2, D. Odell; 3, G. Wood. Time 7 secs.

Senior Boys:—1, B. Wilson (Blue); 2, I. Rousseau (Red); 3, A. Odell (Chocolate). Time 2.28 4/5.

Girls' Sprints
Junior (age 9; 70 yards):—1, B. Morton (Choc.); 2, B. Morgan (Blue); 3, M. Turner (Choc.).

Junior (age 10, 11; 80 yards):—1, F. Cario (Choc.); 2, S. Wilke (Blue); 3, M. Macandoo (Blue).

Middle (age 12; 90 yards):—1, K. Hyde-Lay (Choc.); 2, M. Lambert (Red); 3, B. Rickwood (Blue).

Middle (age 13, 14; 100 yards):—1, K. Richardson (Blue); 2, K. Grant; 3, V. Sissens (Red).

100 Yards
Senior Girls:—1, A. Smith (Red); 2, E. Rousseau (Red); 3, M. Shand (Red). Time 12-3/5.

Junior Boys:—1, F. Langley; 2, S. Clark (Choc.); 3, B. Old (Choc.).

Middle:—1, L. Jerakoff (Red); 2, A. Cario (Choc.); 3, G. Saunders (Red).

Senior Boys:—1, T. Sailer (Blue); 2, V. Merry (Red); 3, T. Koryzyn (Red). Time 11-3/5 secs.

High Jump
Senior Girls:—1, A. Smith (Red); 2, E. Rousseau (Red); 3, M. Shand (Red). Height 4 feet, 2 inches.

Senior Boys:—1, B. Wilson (Blue); 2, T. Sailer (Blue); 3, D. Ray (Blue). Height 5 feet 3/4 inch.

Old Girls' Race
1, J. Ewing (Choc.); 2, J. Folslow (Blue); 3, B. Morris (Blue).

behind, Taylor, who had been following up slowly and with nobody behind him for at least 30 yards, took the ball, which had gone loose when Wilson was tackled, at his feet and eventually scored near the posts for Fay to add the goal points.

After the game His Excellency the Governor presented the Blarney Stone Shield to G. S. Wilson, captain of the Police team.

Each house pulled once only against each other house; four points per tug. Two teams to each house, Middle and Seniors combined in the Senior team.

Senior:—Blue beat Chocolate. Junior:—Blue beat Red.

Senior:—Chocolate beat Red. Junior:—Chocolate beat Red.

Junior:—Blue beat Chocolate. House Relay Race

Teams of six: two Juniors (50 yards), two middle (100 yards), two Seniors (100 yards).

Girls:—1, Red House; 2, Chocolate. Time 1 min, 10 secs.

Boys:—1, Chocolate; 2, Blue. Time 1 min, 44 secs.

Inter-House Cup
1, Blue House (152 points). 2, Red House (109 points). 3, Chocolate House (92 points).

Victor Ludorum:—B. Wilson (Blue). Form Shield:—Form 1.

Blue House Cup:—B. Wilson. Chocolate House Cup:—W. Pryde.

Red House Cup:—A. Smith. Junior Champion (Boys):—F. Langley.

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10-11 a.m.—Relay of Morning Service from St. Joseph's Church.
11 a.m.—12.15 p.m.—Relay of Morning Service from St. Paul's Church (Chinese).
12.15 p.m.—Bach—Double Concerto in D Minor. Yehudi Menuhin & Georges Enesco (Violins) with Orchestra conducted by Pierre Monteux.
12.32 p.m.—Schubert Song.
The Shepherd on the Rock... Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by George Reeves.
12.42 p.m.—Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.
"Rienzi"—Overture (Wagner).
"Twilight of the Gods"—Finale (Wagner)...conducted by Leopold Stokowski.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Compositions of Edward German including the Neil Gwyn Dances.
"Bell Gyn Dances": No. 1 Country Dance; No. 2 Pastoral Dance; No. 3 Merry-makers' Dance.
Morris Dance (from "Henry VIII Dances")...Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
Merrie England—Vocal Gems...Mariam Licette, Clara Serena, Francis Russell, Dennis Noble, Robert Carr, and Chorus with Orchestra.
A Princess of Kensington—Selection...The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.
1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Brahms—Concerto in B Flat Major, Op. 83. Artur Schnabel (Piano) and The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult.
2.30 p.m.—Close down.
7 p.m.—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.
Oriental Dance—Novelty Duet (C. White)...Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra (W. W. Bennett (Xylophone) and Ernest Slaney (Cello).
Caribbean Doll Dance (Pier)...Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra cond. by Sir Dan Godfrey.
Song Of The Thames (Mortimer & Alan Murray)...Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.
A Fairy Ballet (C. White)...Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra (Ernest Slaney (Cello) and Phil Ledington (Trumpet).
Raindrops—Pizzicati For Strings (De La Riviere)...Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra cond. by Sir Dan Godfrey.
7.15 p.m.—Studio—Talk by Mrs. A. N. Overall on "Opportunities offered through Women's Organisations for Service in Hong Kong".
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—"The Loss Of The Birkenhead," February 26, 1852, by "Raffaelli" (Captain Taprell Dorling, D.S.O., R.N.). A story of fortitude, self-sacrifice, and discipline in the face of danger. Production by Howard Rose.
7.55 p.m.—London, Symphony Orchestra.
Gopak ("The Fair At Sorotchinsk"—Mousorgsky)...conducted by Albert Coates.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Mozart—Symphony in D Major ("Paris"). Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.
8.25 p.m.—Verdi's "Il Trovatore" Act I. Singers: Mercedes Capria, Ida Mannarini, Dino Borgioli, Riccardo Stracelli, Duccio Baroni, Guido Uxa, Eugenio Dall'Argine, Aristide Baracchi, Ernesto Dominici with Chorus of La Scala, Milan and The Milan Symphony Orchestra.
9.25 p.m.—London Relay—Sunday News and Weekly Newsletter.
1.50 p.m.—Albert Schweitzer at the Organ. Prelude And Fugue in E Minor (Bach).
10 p.m.—London Relay—Cards on the Table. An exchange of views between speakers from different parts of the Empire on the news of the day.
10.20 p.m.—Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue. The Rev. J. R. Higgins, B.A., F.R.G.S., Vicar of St. Andrew's Church. Subject: "Pilgrims Progress in the Modern World".
10.40 p.m.—Close down.

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The early part of the evening was occupied by an entertaining variety programme and the prizes were distributed by members of the Club who were then presented by Mrs. L. E. Lindell, wife of the President.

The following artists contributed to the success of the evening:—

Alexander Colquhoun—Piano Accompanist (with H. L. Ozorio at the piano).

Winnie Cox—Elocutionist.

G. Dickie—Light Comedian.

Jean Greig—Mezzo Soprano.

David Kosich—Character Actor.

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Joyce Nash—Hawaiian Guitar (accompanied by Mr. Raymond Lau).

Hector Wiggins—Tenor (Accompanied by Jack Fountain).

The following is the complete prize list:

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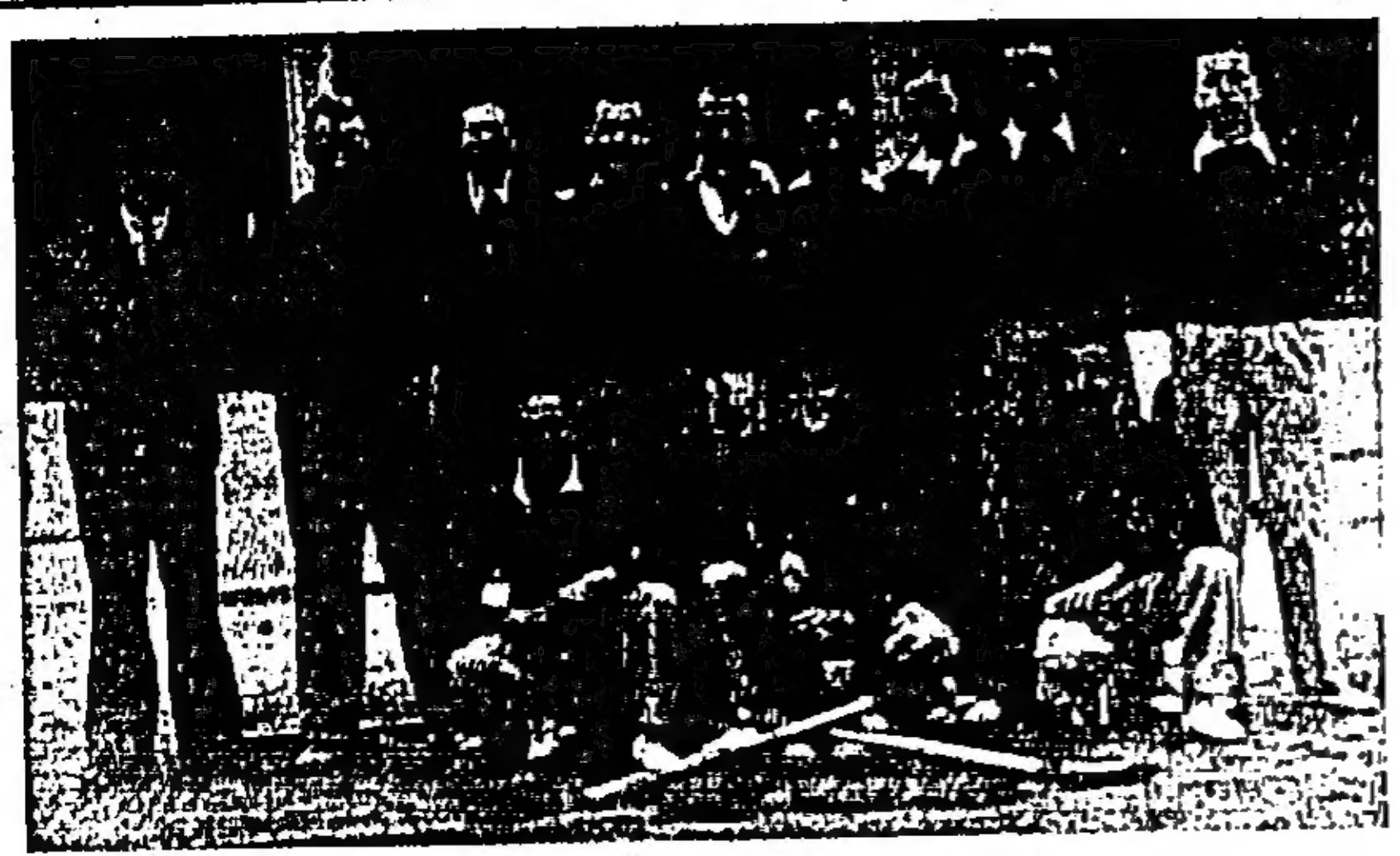
Runner-up—Rev. C. B. R. Sargent (—15).

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Prizes presented by Messrs. H. Ruttonjee & Son.

Winners—Mr. W. C. Hung and Mr. D. J. N. Anderson (—30.3).

Runners-up—Mr. A. E. P. Guest and Mr. S. A. Gray (—30.3).



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Winners—Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Burnett (—30).

Runners-up—Mr. E. Blum and Mrs. A. Matti (—15).

WINTER TOURNAMENT

Men's Doubles Handicap

Winners—Mr. A. Langley and Mr. G. C. Burnett (—15.3).

Runners-up—Mr. A. E. P. Guest and Mr. D. Orr (—30).

Ladies' Doubles Handicap

Winners—Mrs. N. W. Smethy and Mrs. W. E. Nobbs (—15).

Runners-up—Mrs. V. M. Taylor and Mrs. M. Knight (—3.0).

Mixed Doubles Handicap

Winners—Mrs. V. M. Taylor and Mr. N. A. E. Mackay.

Runners-up—Miss B. Barker and Mr. R. T. Brondbridge.

LAWN BOWLS

President's Cup

Winner—Mr. H. Overy. (Cup presented by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell. Prize presented by Messrs. Gande, Price & Co., Ltd.)

Runner-up—Mr. E. C. Fincher.

Championship

Winner—Mr. George Lee. (Cup presented by Mr. Ezra Abraham. Prize presented by Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd.)

Runner-up—Mr. Joe Fraser.

Handicap Singles

Winner—Mr. T. W. Carr. (Prize presented by Messrs. H. Ruttonjee & Son.)

Runner-up—Mr. E. C. Fincher. (Prize presented by Messrs. Lane Crawford, Ltd.)

Handicap Doubles

Winners—Mr. A. A. Dand and Mr. T. R. Kennedy.

Runners-up—Mr. T. W. Carr and Mr. W. T. French.

Rink Competition

Winners—Mr. L. Jack (Skip), Messrs. J. Hyde, T. Ferguson and H. J. Kew.

Runners-up—Mr. T. A. Madar (Skip), Messrs. H. Overy, A. E. Perry and A. A. Dand.

Tyro Competition

Winner—Mr. W. Mulcahy.

Runners-up—Mr. A. A. Dand.

Wappinshaw

First Prize—Mr. Walter Naef.

Second Prize—Mr. J. Trull.

Third Prize—Mr. G. W. Bowden.

BILLARDS & SNOOKER

Volunteer Snooker—Hong Doubles Handicap

Winners—Mr. J. C. L. Penney and Mr. S. W. Evans.

Runners-up—Mr. W. J. Geall and Mr. W. L. McKenzie.

Championship

Winners—Mr. W. Mulcahy.

Runners-up—Mr. W. Nash.

Snooker Singles

Winner—Mr. J. R. Hill.

Runner-up—Capt. C. B. L. Stringer.

Billiards Junior

Winner—Mr. F. A. Fabel.

Runner-up—Mr. T. G. Stokes.

CONTRACT BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

Winners—Mr. F. A. Fable and Mr. C. J. Tatchell.

Runners-up—Mr. W. Herschend and Mr. A. J. Kew.

VOLUNTEERS' CRICKET XI

The following will represent Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps against Royal Navy at King's Park to-day commencing at 11 a.m., weather permitting:

A. C. Beck (Captain), K. M. Baxter, N. A. E. Mackay, G. E. R. Divillet, E. C. Fincher, R. M. M. King, W. L. McKenzie, A. E. Perry, L. T. Ride, E. M. L. Soares and A. Zimmermann.

Eastern Are Played To A Standstill Under Extremely Trying Conditions

CLUB BEATEN ONCE AGAIN: TOO INDIVIDUALISTIC

The encounter between Club and Kwong Wah at Caroline Hill proved to be a dull and uninteresting affair. Kwong Wah eventually running out winners by 3 goals to 1. The winners thoroughly deserved their success as they adapted themselves better to the heavy condition of the ground.

Both teams lacked fitness, although occasionally Kwong Wah showed that they understood the rudiments of team-work. The Club were always disjointed and their first-time kicking tactics made little headway.

The opening minute of the game from the kick-off Club attacked and Wilson, butting through, sent in a terrific drive from point blank range which Lee Kwok-kee did well to divert over the bar for a fruitless corner. Ten minutes had elapsed before Kwong Wah were alerted through Chow Man-chi, who sent in a fast ground shot which Coles managed to touch but could not stop. A Club raid just before half-time looked dangerous, but a promising attack was checked by a heavy tackle by a Kwong Wah defender. The resultant free kick, just outside the penalty area, was taken by Kennard, who sent in a magnificent shot which was only diverted for a fruitless corner by a miraculous save by Lee Kwok-kee.

The second period found E. Strange at centre-half, having changed places with Keown, but Chow Man-chi sent his side further ahead 15 minutes after the start. Kwong Wah were now definitely on top and practically from the kick-off went further ahead through Cheuk Shek-kam.

Wilson, Club centre-forward, then changed places with E. Strange, but this did not make much difference as the forward line lacked cohesion. Kwong Wah continued to press but Herong Wah by Coles and his fellow

No cricket matches were played yesterday due to the rain.

defenders kept them out. After 25 minutes Bond reduced the arrears with a grand shot.

Club were best served in defence, Coles their custodian, playing a grand game and making some truly impressive saves. Of the two full-backs Millington was the best. E. Strange was always a hard worker, and played outstandingly in his three positions. Both wing-halves had a busy day but emerged with credit, although Bond, left-half, was inclined to wander from his position. The forwards as a whole were weak, although some fine individual efforts were witnessed. Pile, Kennard and Fisher being conspicuous in this respect. Had there been less individualism and more combination a different tale might have resulted.

Outstanding in Kwong Wah's team were the halves. The individualism of the Club forwards made their task much easier and they kept playing their forwards with judicious passes. Yeung Tse-tung and Wong Wah-gay being outstanding. Lee Kwok-kee, custodian, played a grand game and made some miraculous saves. Chow Man-chi and Wong King-cheung were the pick of the forwards.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND SCORERS

SENIOR SHIELD SEMI-FINAL

S. China "A" 6 Eastern 1

Lai Shui-wing 4, Fung King-cheung 2 (1 Penalty).

FIRST DIVISION

Club 1 Kwong Wah 3

Bond 1, Chow Man-chi 2, Cheuk Shek-kam.

Police 0 Kowloon 1

G. White.

SECOND DIVISION

*Club v Middlesex

*Royal Scots v South China

Police 1 Kowloon 0

Bodie.

* Postponed.

KOWLOON DESERVE TWO POINTS

At Boundary Street, Police lost to Kowloon by one goal to nil after 70 minutes of very interesting football. Kowloon's victory was well deserved. In fact, had they taken their chances the score would have been higher. As it was, Police, ably led by Moss, refused to accept defeat and Kowloon's defence, especially in the second half, were given ample opportunities of proving their worth.

Both teams were forced to make changes. For Kowloon Jeffrey replaced Hartley in goal and Eastman moved to outside-left in place of Birtson. Bell, playing centre-half and the two inside forwards changing places. In the Police side, Parker moved to left-back and North to left-half. Gordon, who played in the second team match, played again for the first team at right-half.

Kowloon were the first to attack and in the first minute G. White had a shot which was saved by MacHardy. Play swung round and Kowloon conceded three corners in as many minutes, all of which were cleared safely. From the last clearance Kowloon attacked strongly and after Blackburn had missed a centre by Eastman, G. White made a mistake with only MacHardy to beat the ball entering the net along the ground.

In the second half G. White scored but the referee disallowed the goal as a result of hands. Moss broke through and fired in a terrific shot which hit the post and rebounded into play. At the other end G. White shot wide with MacHardy out of his goal, and almost on time Jorge broke through and, after running from the half way line, was unlucky with a drive which hit MacHardy's legs.

Outstanding for Police were MacHardy, who definitely saved the team on several occasions, Parker, who cleared in a determined and methodical manner. North, who worked very hard, and Wong Man-kwai who used his speed to very good effect, frequently outpacing Honnibal, who is also very fast.

In the Kowloon team, Jeffrey played a very fine game indeed and two of the shots he made would have beaten many a goalkeeper. The hardest worker in the defence was Maxwell. He rendered the Police left-wing almost ineffective, and his upfield passes were a model of precision, never a ball being wasted. Bell and Honnibal did their full share of the work, whilst in the forward line Jorge covered a lot of ground and was very unlucky on several occasions with his cleverly conceived moves. V. White has returned to form with a vengeance and Eastman showed he is every bit as good as outside-left as he is in defence.

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Fung And Lai In Best Form

SOUTH CHINA "A" qualified for the Final of the Senior Shield football competition yesterday when they defeated Eastern by 6 goals to 1 at Sookunpoo in a game that was very disappointing in view of the fact it was very difficult to control the ball on the wet ground. South China, however, adopted tactics to suit the conditions, and emerged worthy winners.

Cheong Wing-choi proved himself to be a very capable custodian, and made some remarkable saves from what appeared to be impossible positions. Lung Wing-chui, at centre-half, was prominent in the South China defence, while Fung King-cheung, Lai Shui-wing and Lau Tui-man, on the left flank, were a very thrustful and hardworking trio in the South China attack.

For Eastern, Lau Hin-hon, in goal, and Soong Ling-sing, were outstanding defenders, the latter having a very hard time trying to hold Fung King-cheung and Lai Shui-wing, very dangerous and hardworking, who continually worked hard for an opening, was the only one who looked likely to register a score.

From the outset it became evident that ball control was going to be very difficult, several players being unable to keep on their feet when kicking the ball. After about five minutes South China settled down and a clever combined effort by Lai and Fung looked very dangerous, but Lai's shot went wide of the mark. A few minutes later Eastern conceded a free kick just outside the penalty area. Fung sent in a perfectly placed shot which Lau Hin-hon managed to turn round the post for a corner. Soon after Lai was in possession and had only to beat Lau Hin-hon, but he was brought down inside the penalty area before he could get in a shot, and a penalty was awarded. Fung took the kick and easily beat Lau Hin-hon to give South China the lead after 20 minutes.

South China seemed to be inspired by this success and were playing much better football than their opponents at this stage. Fung was largely responsible for the next goal. He received a pass from Lee and, although in front of the net, was unable to finish in a shot, and passed the ball out to Lai, who was standing unmarked and who calmly placed the ball into the net. Two minutes later Fung sent in a very hard drive, which the Eastern custodian stopped, only for Fung to run in and drive the ball hard to the back of the net. In the second half Eastern were definitely a beaten team, and it was only the strenuous efforts of Soong Ling-sing and the very safe handling of Lau Hin-hon that kept the South China forwards from scoring many more goals. Another combined movement by Fung and Lai gave the latter an opportunity to make South China's tally four.

Hau King-shing was now very prominent in the Eastern forward line in the second half and was the only really dangerous attacker, and South China's lead was reduced after 26 minutes when Chan Bing-to entered to Hau King-shing and the latter

KOWLOON TOO SLOW ON BALL

At Boundary Street, Police defeated Kowloon in the Second Division by a goal scored midway through the first half by Bodie.

The teams were very evenly matched and a draw would have been a fairer result. Kowloon have only themselves to blame, however, as they wasted numerous chances through not being fast enough on the ball.

Play remained more or less in mid-field for the first 15 minutes, neither goalkeeper being really tested. The Police then forced four corners in rapid succession and from the last of these, ably taken by Watt, Bodie headed neatly past Humberton. For some unknown reason the entire Kowloon defence stood perfectly still and no attempt was made to intercept the corner kick.

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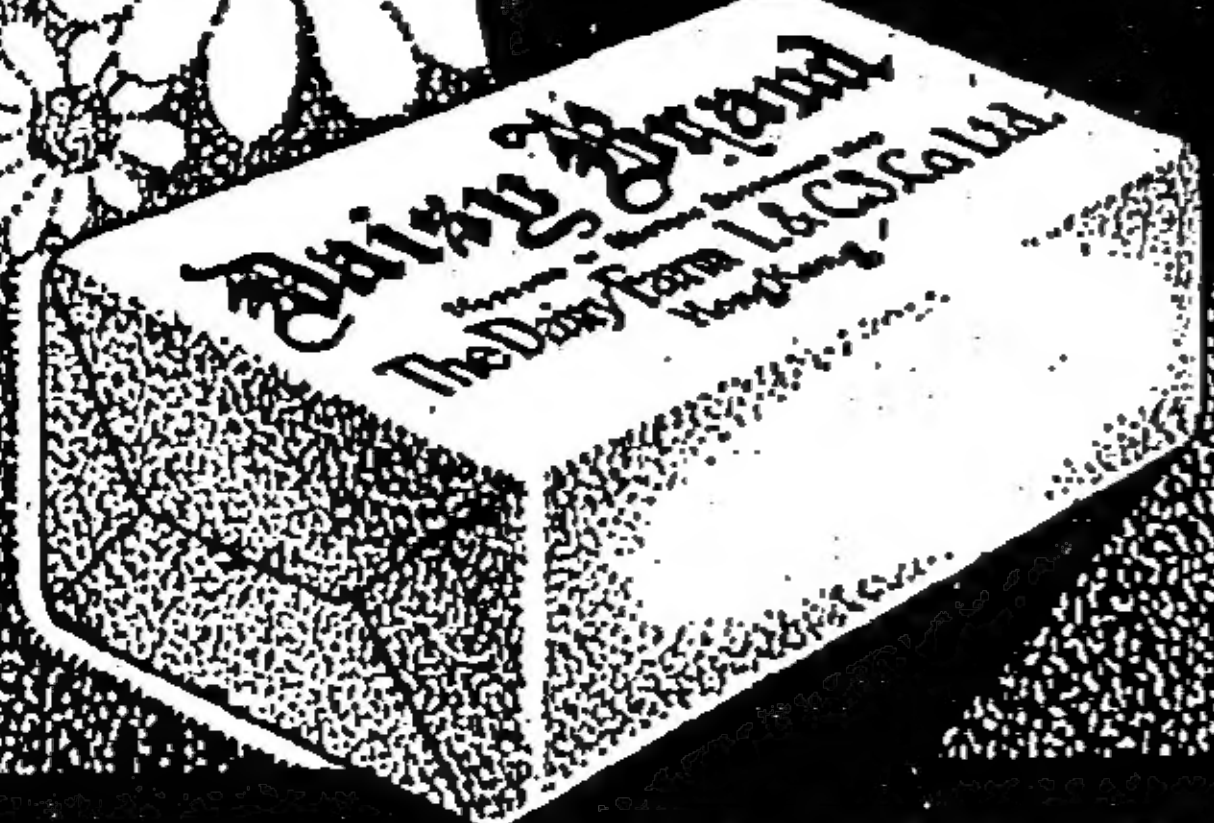


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Poirot investigates his strangest case—"Murder at Christmas"

"It was like a nightmare then..."

ON Christmas Eve Colonel Johnson, Chief Constable of Middleshire, went in response to a telephone call from Superintendent Sugden to investigate the murder of old Simeon Lee, diamond merchant millionaire. Johnson took with him his guest, Hercule Poirot. The victim's throat had been cut in a room where the door was locked on the inside and the windows were fastened. No trace of the murderer or his weapon could be found, but a great deal of blood had been spilled about the disordered room. Simeon Lee had reported to the police the loss of a number of uncut diamonds he kept in his safe a short time before his death. Johnson questioned members of the family house-party. George

Lee, Simeon's son, said he had just finished telephoning at the time of the crime. Harry Lee admitted that he was the prodigal son, just home after years abroad, and that at a family conference after tea that day Simeon had talked of altering his will after Christmas. Harry and his brother Alfred (who with his wife Lydia lived with Simeon) were arguing in the dining room after dinner when they heard the old man scream. "The sound of the scream paralysed Alfred," Harry Lee went on. "He just sat there with his jaw dropping. I fairly shook him back to life, and we started off upstairs. The door was locked. Had to break it open. Took some doing, too. How the devil that door came to be locked I can't imagine! There was no one in the room but father, and I'm damned if any one could have got away through the windows."

New serial—you can pick it up today—by AGATHA CHRISTIE

Superintendent Sugden said: "The door was locked from the outside." "What?" Harry stared. "But I'll swear the key was on the inside." Poirot murmured: "So you noticed that?" Harry Lee said sharply: "I do notice things. It's a habit of mine." He looked sharply from one face to another. "Is there anything more you want to know, gentlemen?" Johnson shook his head. "Thank you, Mr. Lee, not for the moment. Perhaps you will ask the next member of the family to come along?" "Certainly I will." He walked to the door and went out without looking back. The three men looked at each other. Colonel Johnson said: "What about it, Sugden?" The Superintendent shook his head doubtfully. He said: "He's afraid of something. I wonder why."

Magdalene Lee paused effectively in the doorway. One long slender hand touched the burnished platinum sheen of her hair. The leaf-green velvet frock she wore clung to the delicate lines of her figure. She looked very young and a little frightened.

The three men were arrested for a moment looking at her. Johnson's eyes showed a sudden surprised admiration. Superintendent Sugden showed no animation, merely the impatience of a man anxious to get on with his

job. Hercule Poirot's eyes were deeply appreciative (as she saw), but the appreciation was not for her beauty, but for the effective use she made of it. She did not know that he was thinking to himself: "Jolie mannequin, la petite. Elle se pose tout naturellement. Elle a les yeux dures."

Colonel Johnson was thinking: "Damned good-looking girl. George Lee will have trouble with her if he doesn't look out. Got an eye for a man all right." Superintendent Sugden was thinking: "Empty-headed vain piece of goods. Hope we get through with her quickly."

Colonel Johnson rose. "Will you sit down, Mrs. Lee? Let me see, you are—?"

Magdalene's eyes flickered a little, the lids drooped over them. She said: "Of course! How stupid of me. I'd gone to telephone. One gets so mixed up."

"You were at the telephone, you say, in this room?" "Yes, that's the only telephone except the one upstairs in my father-in-law's room."

Superintendent Sugden said: "Was anybody else in the room with you?" Her eyes widened. "Oh, no; it was quite alone."

"And that was the last time you saw him?" She shivered. Colonel Johnson said: "Yes, quite so. Now where were you at the time of the crime?" "Oh—let me see, I think I was in the drawing-room."

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"No, no," Colonel Johnson's tone was mechanically kind. He went on:

"Did you know that your father-in-law kept a quantity of valuable diamonds in his safe?" "No, did he?" Her tone was quite frankly thrilled. "Real diamonds?"

Hercule Poirot said: "Diamonds worth about ten thousand pounds."

"Oh." It was a soft, gasping sound—holding in the essence of feminine curiosity.

"Well," said Colonel Johnson. "I think that's all for the present. We needn't bother you any further, Mrs. Lee."

"Oh, thank you."

She stood up—smiled from Johnson to Poirot—the smile of a grateful little girl, then she went out, walking with her head held high and her palms turned a little outwards.

Colonel Johnson called: "Will you ask your brother-in-law, Mr. David Lee, to come here?"

Closing the door after her he came back to the table.

"Well," he said, "what do you think? We're getting at some of it now! You notice one thing. George Lee was telephoning when he heard the scream! His wife was telephoning when she heard it! That doesn't fit—it doesn't fit at all."

He added: "What do you think, Sugden?" The Superintendent said slowly:

"I don't want to speak offensively of the lady, but I should say that though she's the kind who would be first class at getting money out of a gentleman, I don't think she's the kind who'd cut a gentleman's throat. That wouldn't be in her line at all."

"Ah, but one never knows, mon cher," murmured Poirot.

The Chief Constable turned round on him.

"And you, Poirot, what do you think?"

Hercule Poirot leaned forward. He straightened the blotter in front of him, and flicked a minute speck of dust from a candlestick.

He answered: "I would say that the character of the late Mr. Simeon Lee begins to emerge for us. It is there, I think, that the whole importance of this case lies—in the character of the dead man."

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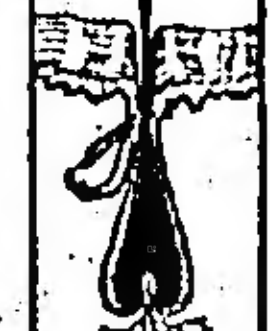
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Murder At
Christmas

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Superintendent Sugden turned a puzzled face to him.

"I don't quite get you, Mr. Poirot," he said. "What exactly has the character of the deceased got to do with his murder?"

Poirot said dreamily: "The character of the victim has always something to do with his or her murder. The frank and unsuspicious mind of Desdemona was the direct cause of her death. A more suspicious woman would have seen Iago's machinations and circumvented them much earlier. The uncleanness of Marat directly invited his end in a bath. From the temper of Mercutio's mind came his death at the sword's point."

Colonel Johnson pulled his moustache. "What exactly are you getting at, Poirot?"

"I am telling you that because Simeon Lee was a certain kind of man, he set in motion certain forces, which forces in the end brought about his death."

"You don't think the diamonds had anything to do with it then?"

Poirot smiled at the honest perplexity in Johnson's face. "Mon cher," he said. "It was because of Simeon Lee's peculiar character that he kept ten thousand pounds worth of uncut diamonds in his safe! You have not there the action of every man."

"That's very true, Mr. Poirot," said Superintendent Sugden, nodding his head with the air of a man who at last sees what a fellow conversationalist is driving at. "He was a queer one, Mr. Lee was. He kept those stones there so he could take them out and handle them and get the feel of the past back. Depend upon it that's why he never had them cut."

Poirot nodded energetically. "Precisely—precisely. I see you have great acumen, Superintendent."

The Superintendent looked a little doubtful at the compliment, but Colonel Johnson cut in. "There's something else, Poirot. I don't know whether it has struck you—"

"Main one," said Poirot. "I know what you mean. Mrs. from-then what Simeon Lee had to say to George Lee and George Lee's wife—"

He broke off. The door opened and David Lee came in. David Lee had himself well in hand. His demeanour was calm—almost unnaturally so. He came up to them, drew a chair forward and sat down, looking with grave interrogation at Colonel Johnson.

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Next Week:
"He Insulted My Mother"

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(Including Deferred Annuities)		
INSURANCE IN FORCE	114,356,560	117,721,733
(Including Deferred Annuities)		
ASSETS	31,836,767	34,391,383
INCOME	6,607,286	7,132,138
POLICY AND ANNUITY RESERVES	26,994,164	29,019,043
CONTINGENCY RESERVE AND SURPLUS	1,200,602	1,372,975

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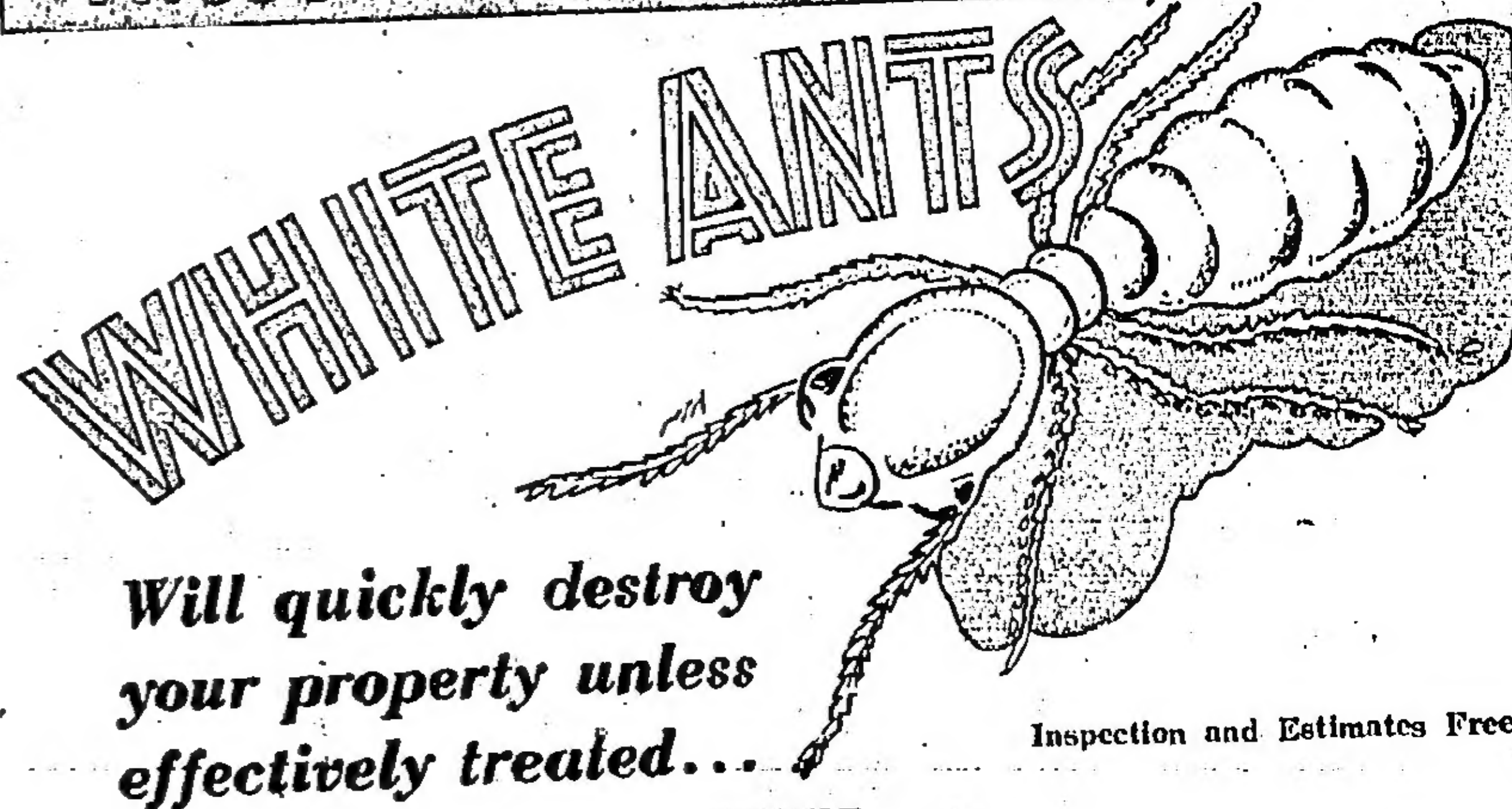
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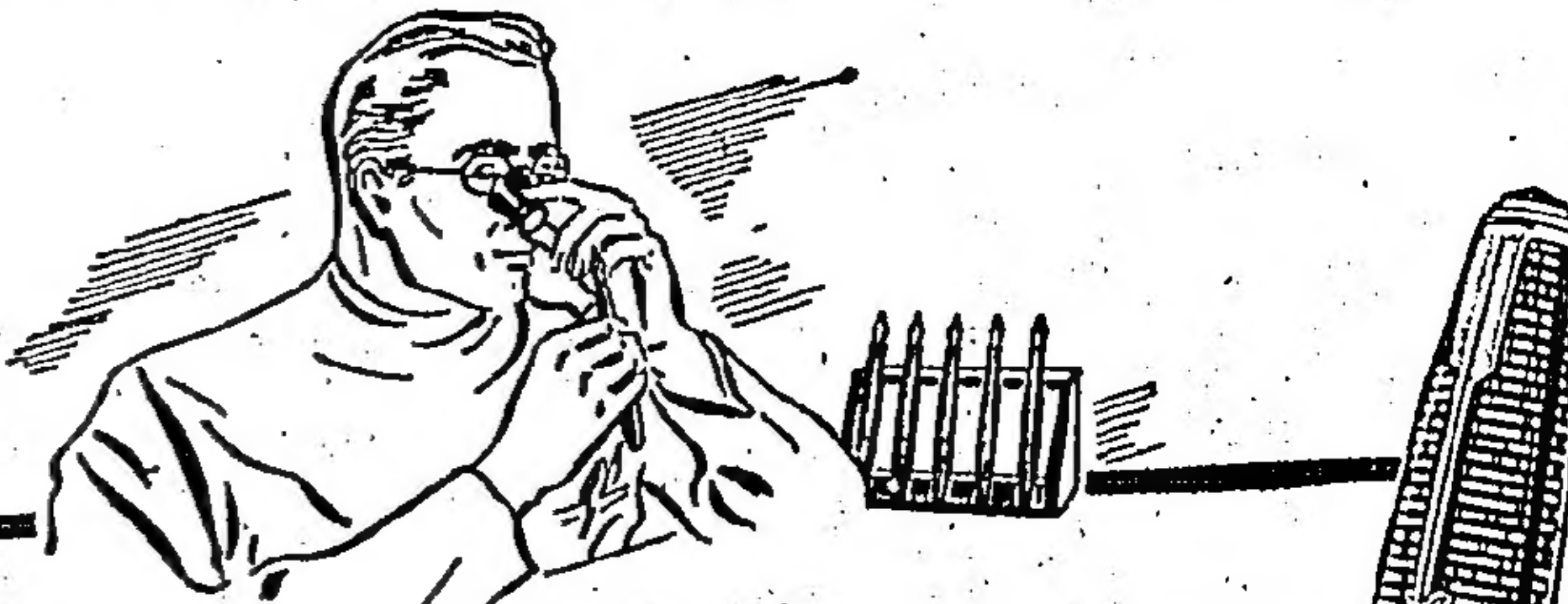
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BRIDGE NOTES

BY ELY CULBERTSON

A Big Swing

IT is bad enough to give up a lay-down game in order to defeat the opponents a menial hundred points. But it is infinitely worse to give up that game and then permit the opponents to fulfill their doubled contract. In the one case, with neither side vulnerable, the "swing" is about 300 points; in the second case the swing is about 900 points. To-day's hand, which was played in the recent Vanderbilt tournament, fell into the latter category.

South, dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
S-A 10 7 4
H-Q 10 9 5 2
D-A 4
C-8 2

WEST EAST
S-J 6 3 2 S-K 8
H-A 7 H-K 6 4
D-Q 9 8 7 5 3 D-K J 10
C-None C-K 10 9 7 5

SOUTH
S-9 5
H-J 8 3
D-4 2
C-A Q J 6 4 3

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass Pass 1 heart Pass
2 clubs 2 diamonds Pass Pass
3 clubs Pass Pass Double
Pass Pass Pass

East was entirely too cagy. Apparently from the moment he heard North's one heart opening bid he decided to "trap," i.e., to lay back for penalties. But if that was his idea he overdid it, and the result was what might have been expected. The pass to one heart was not so bad (although the hand certainly was worth a two club overcall) but when West could dig up a bid over South's two clubs it was inconceivable that East should have kept on passing. Of course he hoped for continued bidding from the opponents and, when the

three club bid came from South, he probably felt that his lurking in the bushes was about to be rewarded. But actually he was selling his birthright for a mess of pottage. Five diamonds would have been a "ramp" for West, whereas three clubs could be defeated only two tricks. Even those tricks escaped, due to East's bungling play.

West opened the diamond seven. Declarer went up with dummy's ace and led the club eight. East, realising that declarer would let the eight ride, covered with the nine, forcing East's king. The diamond king was cashed and then East, afraid to lead from his spade king, returned the seven of clubs. (A spade return would have led to a two trick defeat of the contract.) Declarer won with the queen and led another heart. West won with the ace and pumped declarer by leading the diamond queen. Declarer was delighted to ruff with the three of clubs. He then led the heart jack, overtook with the queen, and played a fourth round. East ruffed in with the ten of clubs, and declarer graciously presented him with the trick, discarding a spade. East then led a spade which was taken by dummy's ace. The fifth heart was led. At this point East certainly should have counted that declarer had shown exactly six clubs, three hearts, and two diamonds, and that he could have had no more than two spades. He had discarded one, therefore had no further spade discards to make. If East had merely discarded on the fifth heart, declarer would have had to ruff and East's club king could not have been shut out. But East ruffed the fifth heart and it was all over. Declarer overruled the five-spot with the six, drew the club king with the ace, and laid down the club four for the fulfilling trick.

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Sheer Eyewash Says Mr. Woodhead

Shanghai, Yesterday. Comment on the British loan of £5,000,000 to China is made to-day by two sources, one British and one Japanese.

The British commentator is Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead, the well-known expert on Far Eastern affairs, by whom an article was published to-day.

Mr. Woodhead dismisses as "sheer eyewash" the view expressed in London newspapers that the new British loan is not connected with any financial measures which the Japanese have attempted, and that it has no political purpose.

"The British loan," he says, "is intended as a riposte to Japan... and must be regarded as only the first move in an economic war against Japan if her policy of overriding the rights and interests of third powers continues."

SEEKING COMPROMISE The Japanese comment appears in the Shanghai Japanese newspaper, "Taichu Shimpō," regarded as the mouthpiece of the Japanese Army in Central China.

If by extending a loan to support the Chinese currency Britain hopes to make Japan seek a compromise in the present conflict, says the Japanese journal, she has gravely slighted Japan's real strength.

"If Britain fails to grasp Japan's true intentions and refuses to appreciate Japan's real power, Japan should deal with Britain not with diplomatic phrases but with something transcending them."

"Japan does not have to compromise with Britain. Far from it, Japan should carry on with her operations and plans in China until Britain is brought to her knees, begging Japan to protect her rights in China."—Reuter.

SUN YAT-SEN MEMORIAL

Local Chinese organisations will assemble in the Queen's Theatre this morning to pay homage to the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Father of the Chinese Republic, who died on March 12, 1925.

The ceremony will commence at 9 a.m. after which representatives of different Chinese organisations will address the gathering.

ENGAGEMENT

The Engagement is announced of Ernest Leonard, youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. H. Strange of London, and Nance Lillie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. J. Eardley of Queensland, Australia, and Hong Kong. (Shanghai papers please copy).

DEATH

BARKUS — On March 11, 1939, after a long illness, at Shanghai, Mrs. Edith Barkus, mother of R. L. Barkus and Mrs. J. C. Bauld.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mr. W. G. Harrison wishes to thank all friends most sincerely for unceasing kindness shown to him during his illness. For kind letters of sympathy, floral tributes and attendance at the funeral service.

SUBSIDIES FOR SHIPPING IN PACIFIC?

LONDON, YESTERDAY. THE POSITION OF BRITISH SHIPPING IN THE ORIENT IS REVIEWED IN A LEADER IN "THE TIMES" THIS MORNING. THE JOURNAL DESCRIBES THE REPORT OF THE IMPERIAL SHIPPING COMMITTEE AS DESERVING PRACTICAL CONSIDERATION.

JEWS TO MEET GOVERNMENT

London, Yesterday.

Reuter learns from authoritative quarters that members of the Jewish delegation to the Palestine Conference will meet the British delegates this afternoon.

At the meeting the British reply will be given to the Note drafted by the executive of the Jewish Agency.

The Note in question stressed the Jewish attitude that the idea of an independent Palestine State was wholly unacceptable to them, and added that no proposals which failed to guarantee the organic growth of a Jewish national home could be considered by the Jewish delegates as a basis for further discussion.

It is now believed that the Jewish decision whether to continue discussions or not will depend on the British reply to their Note.—Reuter

FOOD CONTROL IN SPAIN

Burgos, Yesterday.

The Nationalist Spanish Ministerial Council, meeting with General Franco presiding, has decided on the appointment of a commissioner to control food supplies.

First food commissioner will probably be General Moreno Paladron.

The former Civil Governor of Tarragona, Senor Irturmundi Banals, has been transferred to Saragossa in the same capacity. Trans-Ocean.

DE RIVERA'S SON RELEASED

Genova, Yesterday.

Miguel Primo de Rivera, son of the former Spanish Dictator, was released from a Republican prison in Spain to-day and exchanged for the son of General Miaja, head of the Madrid Defence Council, according to an announcement by the International Red Cross.

Primo de Rivera was taken aboard a British cruiser in Valencia, while the son of General Miaja entered French territory at Hendaye.—Trans-Ocean.

LONDON SILVER

London, Yesterday. London silver prices to-day were down 1/16 for spot and unchanged for forward.

Mar. 10 Mar. 11
Spot 20-5/8 20-9/16
Forward 20 20
—Our Own Correspondent.

Tung Hui, aged 8, of No. 53, Tung Choi Street, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday afternoon with a fractured leg. He was knocked down by a car driven by Mr. T. C. E. Ellacott, of the Hong Kong and China Gas Company, at the intersection of Nathan and Mongkok Roads.

The report, which was issued yesterday, recommended, inter alia, better equipment to enable British ships to compete more effectively with foreign lines for passengers, and suggested a devaluation in management, including more authority for Far Eastern representatives.

"The Times" says that the position of our shipping in the Orient presents a special case which may call for special remedies.

One such, which has already been canvassed though not alluded to in the Report, might usefully be the creation of a small but representative Imperial body with headquarters perhaps at Singapore, and with both executive and advisory powers.

ANY SUBSIDIES This body would carry out negotiations when the occasion arose, administer any subsidies which might be voted by the interested governments and generally provide that element of alertness and continuity in policy from lack of which, as the Report shows, British shipping in the Orient has suffered severely.—Reuter.

REVOLT ON JAP. TRANSPORT

SHANGHAI, YESTERDAY.

A CHINESE REPORT FROM TIENTSIN STATES THAT JAPANESE TROOPS ON BOARD THREE TRANSPORTS REVOLTED WHILE THE SHIPS WERE STEAMING TO TIENTSIN FROM TANGKU.

Warships were despatched to quell the disturbance and the troops were taken back in the transports to Japan.

Cause of the revolt is not known. Several Japanese officers, it is alleged, were injured.—Our Own Correspondent.

BRATISLAVA TENSION

(Continued from Page 1)

TROOPS WITHDRAWN

Budapest, Later. It is learned here that throughout the night consultations were going on between the Slovak leaders and Prague, in which Dr. Tiso is stated to have participated.

Most of the Czech troops and gendarmes have now been withdrawn from the streets of Bratislava, and order is being maintained by the police and a few Hlinka Guards.

All roads leading to the city are guarded by Czech troops and gendarmes, and during the night parties of Hlinka Guards from the provinces were turned back.

APPEAL TO GUARDS

Dr. Sidor, the Czech Deputy Premier (not acting as Slovak Premier) appealed to the Hlinka Guards to avoid incidents.

The opinion is held here that the two most serious dangers appear to have been averted, namely armed resistance by the Slovaks and intervention from outside.—Reuter.

MEXICAN OIL ACCORD

Mexico City, Yesterday. It is officially announced that President Cardenas and Mr. Donald Richberg, representing the foreign oil companies, have reached an agreement for settlement of the petroleum dispute. No details of the agreement are given, and only a study of technicalities remains to be completed.—Reuter.

Demand For Sanctions

London, Yesterday.

The war in China from the viewpoint of Britain, France and the Soviet, was discussed at the Conference on China in London to-day.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Leader of the Liberals in the House of Commons, who presided, said the dictatorship Powers had a common interest in exploiting the weakness of China and a common interest in supporting that other great dictatorship power—Japan.

At the same time it was clear that Russia, the United States and the Democracies of Western Europe had a common interest in establishing the principles of the Nine-Power Treaty and the rule of law.

They also had an interest in seeing China cultured and prosperous and in banishing from the country the spectre of war and militarism.

ECONOMIC SANCTIONS

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, the Labour M.P., said he wanted economic sanctions and hoped the British Government would impose, in co-operation with the United States and France, an embargo on imports of Japanese goods.

They also would bring to an end the terrible flow of little white boxes bearing the ashes of fallen Japanese soldiers that went on by so many hundreds daily from China to Japan.—Reuter.

NO PLAY IN MARATHON TEST

Durban, Yesterday.

A heavy downpour during the night and further rain this morning washed out all play in the fifth Test Match between South Africa and England to-day—the eighth day.

Early this morning the over-night rain ceased, but just before starting time the downpour resumed and soaked the wicket. England are facing a heavy task, needing 443 runs to win with nine wickets to fall. P. A. Gibbs is 78 not out and Edrich 107 not out.

The scores are: South Africa 530 and 481. England 516 and 253 for 1 wkt.—Reuter.

GAMES OVER

Paris, Yesterday.

The French Mediterranean Fleet, after manoeuvres lasting nearly two months in waters off Morocco, has returned to Toulon, where the ships are permanently stationed.—Trans-Ocean.

WOLVES FIRST DEFEAT SINCE OCT.

London, Yesterday. The following are the results of League football matches played to-day:—

FIRST DIVISION

Birmingham	3	Wolves	2
Bolton	1	Brentford	1
Charlton	3	Blackpool	1
Chelsea	5	Grimsby	1
Leeds	4	Arsenal	2
Leicester	0	Huddersfield	1
Liverpool	4	Portsmouth	4
M'chester U.	1	Aston Villa	1
Middlesbro'	4	Everton	4
Preston	4	Derby	1
Stoke	3	Sunderland	1

SECOND DIVISION

Burnley	0	Bradford	0
Coventry	0	Blackburn	1
Luton	3	Tranmere	0
Newcastle	2	Wednesday	1
Norwich	2	West Ham	6
Notts F.	1	Fulham	1
Plymouth	0	Sheffield U.	0
Sheffield U.	1	Swansea	2
Southampton	1	Millwall	1
Tottenham	2	M'chester C.	3
West Brom.	5	Bury	0

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Bournemouth	3	Northampton	1
Brighton	0	Newport	0
Bristol R.	1	Clapton	0
Cardiff	2	Port Vale	4
Exeter	1	Watford	3
Ipswich	3	Swindon	1
Mansfield	1	Aldershot	0
Queen's P.R.	3	Bristol C.	1
Reading	3	Torquay	6
Southend	3	Crystal P.	1
Walsall	3	Notts C.	3

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Accrington	3	Darlington	0
Barnsley	3	Carlisle	0
Barrow	0	Rotherham	0
Bradford C.	0	York	0
Chester	0	Rochdale	0
Hull	1	Southport	1
Lincoln	1	Wrexham	1
New Brighton	3	Gateshead	0
Oldham	3	Doncaster	6
Stockport	6	Crewe	0
		Hartlepool	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Ayr	1	Celtic	4
*Clyde	1	Queen's Park	1
Falkirk	1	Hibernian	1
Hamilton	1	Aberdeen	0
Hearts	1	Queen O.S.	2
Motherwell	4	Partick	3
Raith	2	Kilmarnock	3
Rangers	5	Albion	0
St. Johnstone	6	St. Mirren	2
Third Lanark	8	Ayrbroath	0

SECOND DIVISION

Airdrie	2	Montrose	1
Alloa	5	East Stirling	0
Brechin	2	Cowdenbeath	5
Dundee U.	5	Leith	1
East Fife	0	Dundee	2
Forfar	6	Morton	5
*King's Park	4	Dumbarton	3
St. Bernard's	4	Edinburgh	3
St. James'	4	Dunfermline	0

[No correction had been received up to 3.30 a.m.—Ed.]

VATICAN STATE SECRETARY

Vatican City, Yesterday. The Pope has appointed Cardinal Luigi Maglione as Secretary of State.

Cardinal Maglione, who is one of the most distinguished diplomats of the Vatican, was born at Casoria in 1877. He was appointed Nuncio in Paris in 1924 and was created Cardinal in 1935.—Trans-Ocean.

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